

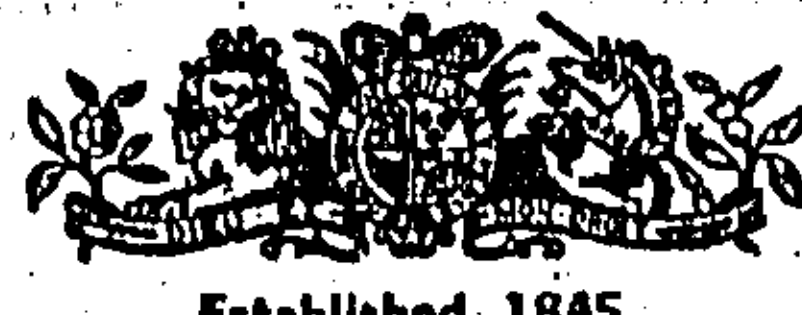
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Comment Of The Day

DISREGARDING ADVICE

ABUSE and advice are among Hongkong's greatest unsolicited, invisible imports. Hardly a week goes by without one or the other, or both being handed out.

It has become quite commonplace and even fashionable to abuse Hongkong irrespective of the facts. Industry, of course, has taken the brunt of the attacks.

Some of the brickbats have been aimed with the sole object of bringing the Colony and its industries into disrepute. It is, however, undeniable that in some cases there has been just cause for the allegations although, in the main, inability to grasp the essential differences between East and West have led to a great many misunderstandings.

On the other hand, Hongkong manufacturers and our exporters are not prone to taking advice however well meant. The former United States Assistant Secretary for Commerce, Mr Henry Kearns, for example, urged diversification of Hongkong's garment exports.

Little done

LITTLE has been done in this regard and local exporters are standing fast pending the outcome of the investigations into the United States industry.

The opinion generally held at the moment is that no action will be taken against Hongkong but it would be unwise to think that the status quo will be maintained forever.

This is the Presidential year and domestic politics will take precedence for the time being. This allows at least a temporary reprieve and the coming months could well be applied to readjustment.

The head of the Department of Economic and Political Science, Dr Sze Szepanik, forecasts that Hongkong's industry is about to undergo an "organisational revolution."

He is of the opinion that the proposed Federation of Hongkong Industries is not broad enough in its constitution to cope with the expansion and suggests that an economic council be formed to deal with long-range development.

Elimination

DR SZCZEPANIK visualises the gradual elimination of small and inefficient industries. These have already done a great deal of harm and constitute a grave menace to reliable manufacturers.

The pressing need to control the standard of exports has been clearly brought home by Mr Hilton Cheong-leen who reports that United States buyers are turning to other markets because of Hongkong's sub-standard quality goods and inability to meet delivery dates.

This is not the first time that charges of this nature have been levelled against the Colony, but the nature of Mr Cheong-leen's complaint emphasises the fact that the tendency to disregard advice is becoming part of the Hongkong mentality.

Manslaughter case against European continues
A 'BANG' — THEN TWO BODIES

Constable tells of hearing collision

Two bodies were found lying on Queen's Road Central after a police constable on duty inside the Government Offices heard a "bang" like two cars colliding at 12.30 a.m. on February 4.

Mr Derek Cons at Central Court was told this today at the committal proceedings against Marcel Noel Andre Fleming, a business executive, charged with the manslaughter of Inspector Si Wai-ming. Fleming also faces four traffic charges.

Police alleged that on February 4, defendant's car struck the inspector and his wife, killing the inspector and injuring Mrs Si. The police also alleged that defendant was involved in two other accidents on the same day, one in Garden Road and the other in Folkeham Road.

On duty

Constable Lam Yim-chung this morning testified that while he was on duty in the Government Offices on the morning of February 4 he heard the "bang" and went out to investigate.

"I did not see any cars, but near Duddell Street, I saw two bodies lying on the ground. A lady's handbag was lying about five feet from where I was. There were also glass fragments strewn over the ground," he continued.

He said that a phone call was made and while waiting, he directed the traffic.

Corporal Pak Kar-shing, of the Emergency Unit, testified that he arrived at the scene at 12.35 a.m. with four police constables in a patrol car.

Felt for pulse

"I went over to the two bodies and felt for the pulse of the man. Then I went over to the woman and saw that she was breathing and that her eyes were moving," he said.

"I asked her if she had anything to say but she did not reply," he added.

He said that he marked off the positions of the handbag, the bodies, the glass fragments with chalk and after that an ambulance arrived and took the two people away.

Police constable Cheng Fung-chui said that on instructions, he went to Queen Mary Hospital and tried to obtain information from Mrs Si on February 4. She only shook her head to his questions.

Saw car

Late that morning, he accompanied Inspector B. Webster to 44 Repulse Bay Road where he saw a private car.

"The car's windscreen was shattered, the reflector was broken and the bonnet was slightly dented.

He added that the right fender was also dented. Mr W. S. W. Davidson, Crown Counsel, is appearing for the police.

Mr Harold Caine, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for Fleming.

Hearing continues this afternoon.

Swastikas reappear

Berlin, Mar. 27. Eight brown swastikas were painted on house walls in Berlin today, police said. There were also slogans reading "We will carry on the fight" and "Germany, awake." This was the first incident of swastika defecation since the anti-Semitic outbreak last December and January, Police said.—Reuters.

Manam Island erupts



The first picture of the Manam volcano which erupted 10 days ago off the northern coast of New Guinea. Fears were at first felt for the 4,000 island natives but later reports revealed no loss of lives. However, preparations were made for the evacuation of the natives should the volcano show signs of a major eruption.—Sydney Sun-Herald Photo.

ANOTHER VOLCANIC ISLAND APPEARS

Port Moresby, Mar. 27.

A two-mile-long volcanic island, "burnt, blackened and sizzling," has risen out of the Bismark Sea 25 miles west of the New Guinea Island of Manus, according to a report reaching here today.

The island was sighted by Captain Bill Tyrell, a Qantas Airlines pilot, on a flight from Madang on the north coast of New Guinea to Manus.

The spot where the new island has been reported is 180 miles from Manam island volcano which erupted violently ten days ago.—Reuters.

Miners clash: 110 injured

Tokyo, Mar. 28. Two rival labour unions fought with clubs and stones in a wild, bloody affray at a strike-bound colliery today.

Police reported more than 110 were injured.

The miners, many wearing work helmets, used bamboo staves, wooden clubs, and iron pipes and even threw pepper.—AP.

Big fine for captain of overloaded Panamanian ship

A Chinese master of a Panamanian ship was fined \$12,800 by Mr C. Cairns at Marine Court this morning for overloading his ship.

Captain Chen Kuang-ming of the Hai Jye pleaded guilty. Mr D. L. P. Edwards, Senior Marine Officer, prosecuting, said the Hai Jye arrived from Brunei on March 20 and discharged all her cargo. She then loaded a stated total of 1,000 tons of general cargo at Yauwatt and on Thursday moved to Kun Tong oil depot to take on fuel.

At 10.25 a.m. on Friday, Mr J. N. Lewis, Marine Officer, made a preliminary inspection of the vessel and considered she was overloaded.

His finding

Four hours later Mr H. Torrance, Senior Ship's Surveyor, checked the loadline and found the vessel was overloaded to an extent of 6 1/2 inches.

The master of the ship was not on board on the first inspection, the prosecution went on, and the second officer who was uncertificated. The second officer was told that the ship was considered overloaded. However, more deck cargo was apparently taken on between the two inspections.

In mitigation, Captain Chen said the shipping company had asked him to be master although he was sick and unwilling to do so.

On the return voyage from Brunei he had cabled the company asking to resign, but the request was refused.

At noon on Friday he had not yet decided to sail with the ship, he said. Eventually, he had to go on board as master at 2 p.m. on Friday.

"I was absolutely ignorant about the loading of cargo and bunker before 2 p.m." he said.

Soviet envoy's wife killed in road mishap

Sydney, Mar. 27. A car driven by Vasili D. Frolov, second secretary of the Soviet Embassy, skidded and overturned near Canberra today, killing Frolov's wife, Galina, and causing injuries to Frolov and his young son.

Frolov was treated at Canberra hospital for minor injuries and allowed to go home, but his 10-year-old son Alexander was listed as being in serious condition and is being kept in hospital.—AP.

THREE YOUTHS GET 5 YEARS FOR ROBBERY

Three youths who were arrested a day after they had been chased by a girl they had bound and gagged in the course of a robbery, were jailed for five years today.

The youths, Ho Sai-yuen, 19, Ko Hon-hung, and Lam Hon, both 18, pleaded guilty to robbery before Judge T. Creedon at Kowloon District Court.

The accused entered 24 Ying Yung Street, 3rd floor, on March 10. The only occupants of the flat were a 15-year-old girl and her grandmother who had a broken leg.

The robbers tied the girl's arms behind her back and gagged her. They then made off with a radio, a wrist-watch and some cash.

The girl chased after them but they managed to escape. They were arrested the following day on information. All the accused had previous convictions.

Five killed

Oklahoma City, Mar. 27. A U.S. Army helicopter crashed and burned early today, killing the five men aboard.—AP.

Bagdad shooting of youth sparks series of clashes

Beirut, Mar. 27.

A series of clashes between Nationalists and Communists erupted in widely separate areas in Iraq last week, it was learned today.

At least five persons were known dead. Observers were hard put to foresee the outcome but they claim the young republic has its most tense period since last October's assassination attempt against Premier Abdel Karim Kassam.

Reprisals

The outbreaks, observers believed, represented Nationalist inspired reprisals against the Communists who were responsible for the death of hundreds of Nationalists in clashes last year.

The fatal shooting of a youth in a Bagdad barber shop last Monday touched off violent anti-Communist demonstrations. Police rushed to quell the outbreaks and were pelted with stones pitched from rooftops.

Another youth was killed when authorities used gunfire to bring the rioters under control.

Three and possibly more persons were injured elsewhere in Bagdad during the week and funeral demonstrations for one of the youthful victims forced police to halt traffic for two hours across one of the city's bridges across the Tigris.

Other clashes were reported elsewhere, including Mosul, where residents described the situation as extremely tense.



Many arrested

The incidents have been followed by large scale arrests but it appeared that most of those apprehended were Communists rather than Nationalists.

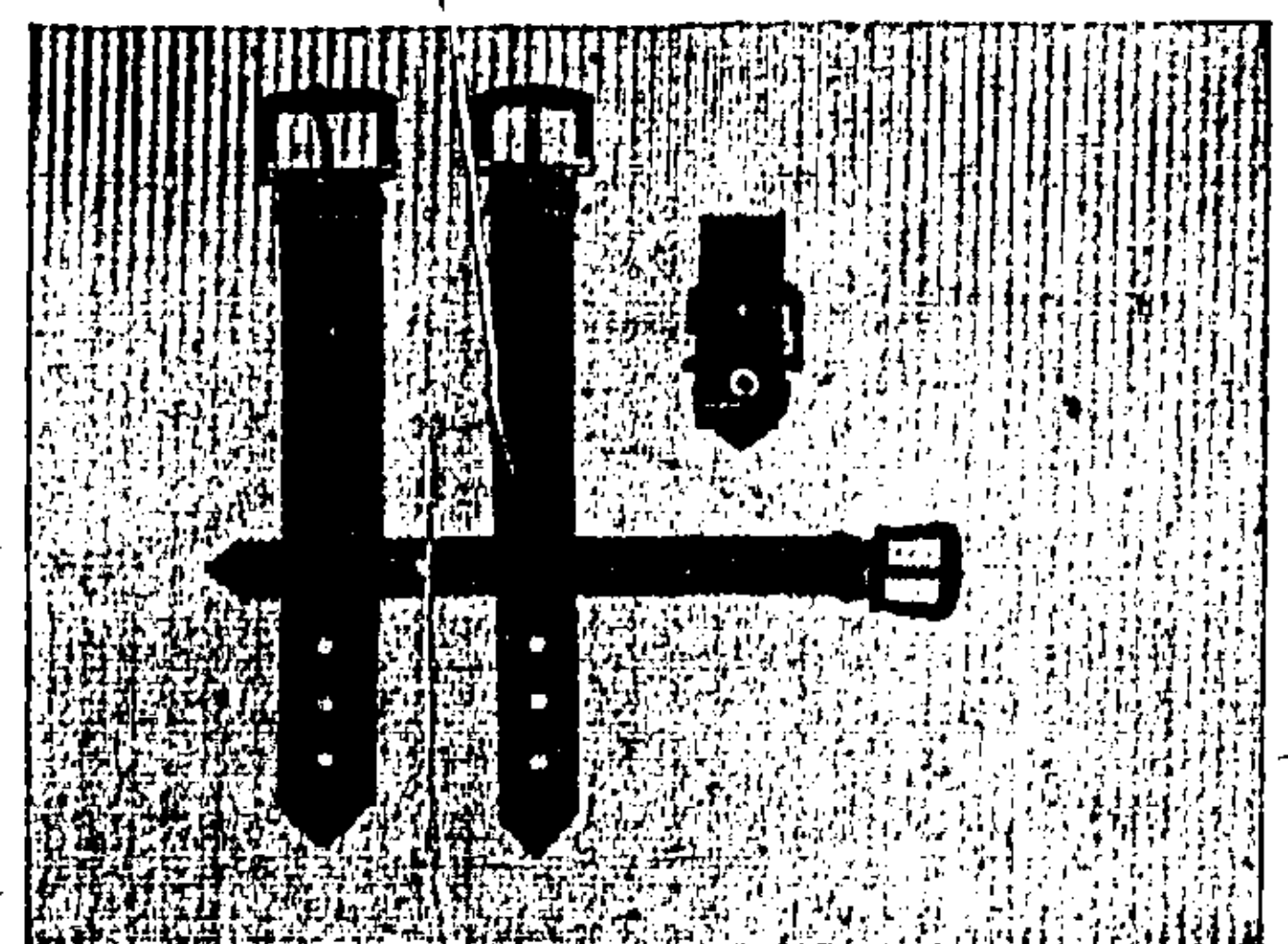
Other incidents added to mounting tension.

Cries of "we want bread" and other anti-regime slogans were shouted against Premier Kassam by the crowds last Monday during a tree-planting ceremony outside Bagdad.—UPI.

HONGKONG MAN SAYS THANKS TO BURMESE PREMIER

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Weekly survey of American economy

OUTPUT BEGINS TO SLIP

Substantial layoffs cannot be avoided

New York, Mar. 27.

The U.S. economy was winding up a record first quarter this past week but all indications are that it was abnormal and that substantial layoffs by steel and car makers this spring and summer cannot be avoided.

This, experts pointed out, would not necessarily mean a recession; the rise in joblessness will merely reflect the end of abnormal first-quarter activity caused by the settlement of the steel strike and the need to rebuild depleted inventories.

Official statistics showing the economy's first quarter performance may not be available for some time but those were the estimates: National production of goods and services will show a "substantial" rise over the final quarter of 1959 in the words of the Department of Commerce. The rate may come close to an annual figure approaching the \$500 billion level. Last year's final quarter showed a rate of \$483.5 billion.

The predicted layoffs would be a substantial enlargement of those that have already occurred — in a scattered pattern — in steel, cars, construction, farm equipment and other durable goods industries. Although they may not reflect a recession, when these layoffs do occur, experts said, they may have a psychological effect since the U.S. economy entered the year with high hopes of sustained record breaking activity.

An offset

They may be offset somewhat by an upturn in construction which has been held back by unusually severe weather this winter.

A good example of things to come in the second quarter is this past week's production schedule in Detroit: U.S. car output this past week will sink to its lowest point so far this year with an estimated 138,000 passenger units. This compared with 146,054 last week and with 121,853 in the same week a year

ago. The drop was largely due to further cutbacks by many producers to adjust inventories — dealers' stocks of new cars have been above the one million level all this month — in line with sales. Trucks, however, kept pouring out of assembly halls at a comparatively high rate — 28,630 this past week and 27,200 the previous week — and were actually expected to set a new all-time record for the first quarter.

As the overall output decreased, that of the new compact cars was actually being stepped up. They now account for 28.6 per cent of the total, compared with only 23.2 per cent of the total the week before.

Below peak

This past week's rate is some six per cent below the peak of \$5.7 per cent reached in January and almost five per cent below the February rate of 6.4 per cent. The rate has been going down steadily as supply pipelines filled more rapidly than expected and the forecast of a seller's market turned into keen competition.

As a result, three things emerge: The 80 per cent operating rate, forecast for late spring and early summer, will probably be reached substantially earlier; and the generally expected increase in the price of steel is not likely before the end of the year with no more than a 50-60 chance that it will average \$3 to \$4 a ton then.

Finally these developments indicate a curtailment of foreign steel imports. Although no recent figures are available, foreign steel imports have been known to be dropping from their peak levels at the end of 1959. They

declined in January to 465,000 tons while U. S. steel exports recovered from the December peak of 539,000 tons to 465,000 tons in January, climbing to 559,000 tons in January from 113,000 tons in December.

Deficit

The exports of U.S. Steel were still far below their peak levels and were no part of the administration's new export drive which aims at a ten to fifteen per cent increase in U.S. export trade over 1959. Although the drive is officially one week old, government experts already are predicting that the deficit in U. S. balance of payments will be cut by about \$400 million in the first quarter. The deficit was running at an annual rate of \$3.7 billion last year. Estimate U. S. exports of goods and services in the first quarter will total \$9.3 billion compared with the final 1959 quarter figure of \$9.9 billion.

At the same time, the officials said, U. S. imports of goods and services will fall off slightly from a seasonally adjusted rate of \$5.9 billion in the last quarter of 1959 to \$5.85 billion in this first quarter. Eventually, the U. S. hopes to cut its payments deficit over this year by as much as \$2.5 billion.

Just how well this will work, is still in doubt, there is no emergency so far of any "buy American" feeling either on government or business levels and it is doubtful that one will appear. Indications are that the American consumer has got used to foreign goods and demands them. The latest came from Montgomery Ward department store chain which announced it was increasing its buying abroad in order to stay competitive. —UPI.

Wall Street advances in all sections

New York, Mar. 27.

Stocks advanced in all major departments on light volume during the past week.

The recovery lacked the bounce that would indicate enthusiasm for the market. However, there was a smart recovery just before the bell on Friday accompanied by a late ticker. This may have involved some short covering by traders unwilling to risk heavy commitments over the weekend.

News of market importance was mixed. It included favorable predictions by many company heads at annual meetings or in annual reports. At the same time industry reports were mostly on the declining side. Steel operations slipped to a new low since last November, below 80 per cent of capacity. Auto output fell under the previous week but was above last year. Car loadings rose on the week but were off from 1959. Electricity output slipped on the week but was well above last year.

The Department of Commerce looked for first quarter figures to show a substantial rise compared with the last quarter of 1959.

Utilities performed better than other sections as of their Thursday close they registered an average at a new high since early October, 1959.

Agreed merchant rates

Swiss Francs, maximum selling 75 7/16.

Rails fell 22.25 points or 13.9 per cent and came back 8.38 points or 37.7 per cent from the low. Utilities declined 2.22 and came back 2.60 points to leave them at a new 1960 high.

AVERAGE UP

For this past week the industrial average closed at 622.57 up 6.05 points from the week before. Ralls 149.44, up 1.00; utilities 88.15 up 0.71 and 65 stocks in the three averages 206.03 up 1.32 points. For the past two weeks combined industrial average have risen 16.04 points; rails, 3.27 and utilities 1.87.

Sales for the week totalled 593,024 shares, a daily average of 2,718,785 shares. This compared with 12,948,350 shares at a daily average of 2,589,660 shares in the previous week.

Special items helped individual issues at times. Gulf Oil enjoyed a good market when its company estimated first quarter net 20 per cent over last year. Nickel Plate and Norfolk & Western were active on merger talks, and Nickel Plate scored a rise of 1 1/4 points on the week to its fourth place in market volume.

American Motors led in turnover with sales of 322,000 shares. It gained 2 1/2 points on the week on higher Rambler sales. Studebaker-Packard made their place with sales of 180,200 shares and a loss of 3/4 points. Its when-issued stock was in fifth place and up 1/4 points. Gulf Oil, up 1/4 points made second place. —UPI.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

by Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to an approximately \$1,270,000. Noisy quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HSBC	1240	16	1240
HSBC	10	10	1233
HSBC	29	29	1233

INSURANCES	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
Union	100	100	47 1/2
Waterfront	20 1/2	20 1/2	7 1/2
Waterfront	7 1/2	7 1/2	100 @ 7 1/2
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DOCKS, ETC.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
K. Wharf	100	100	85 1/2
HSBC	100	100	15 1/2
HSBC	100	100	17 1/2

PROVIDENT	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
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London market continues to hold firm

London, Mar. 27.

Share prices held firm in quiet markets this past week although the imminence of the April 4 budget kept buying in check.

The rise in the Financial Times Industrial Index of 1.3 points to 323.9 was helped by the good close to the week, following improved sentiment after excellent results from Imperial Chemical Industries which showed a heavy rise in group sales in the latter half of the year.

The underdone was good and the bigger investors were quietly buying equities. Some dealers believe that once the budget hurdle is cleared, considerable funds will be available for investment.

GOOD FEATURES

While the volume of business has been light, the unbroken procession of good company news, the favourable outlook for industry and Wall Street's better appearance have all made for some good features in individual shares.

Gold made the blot on the market. Selling on political fears in the wake of South African violence drove Union mine issues down. The main weight of sales was said to come from the continent but London was also unloading. Prices fell away rapidly for two days but by Friday's close some had moved above the worst.

Diamonds also took a beating and De Beers saw 18 shillings and 9 pence chopped off over the week. They closed at 153/0 (ex-dividend) against the year's high of 200 shillings. Coppers

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollars (per £1) 6/7 1/2; Sterling notes (per £1) 15/5; Australian notes (per £1) 12/6 1/2; Canadian notes (per £1) 17/6; Swiss francs (per 100) 31/0; Singapore (Straits) 18/1.

shared the weakness and ran back. Gilt-edged were quiet but by the week-end buyers reappeared. Rises went up £1 4 shillings over the week.

Foreign bonds showed little life. But Greek issues went easier. Germans made slight gains.

Oil had a better appearance in front of coming statements and prices ended on the upside by fractions.

Both rubbers and teas went better. Mergers in plantations helped the movement and Ceylon election news aided teas. —UPI.

Cotton grey goods at low ebb

New York, Mar. 27.

New business in cotton grey goods remained at a low ebb this past week, completing the third month of comparative idleness.

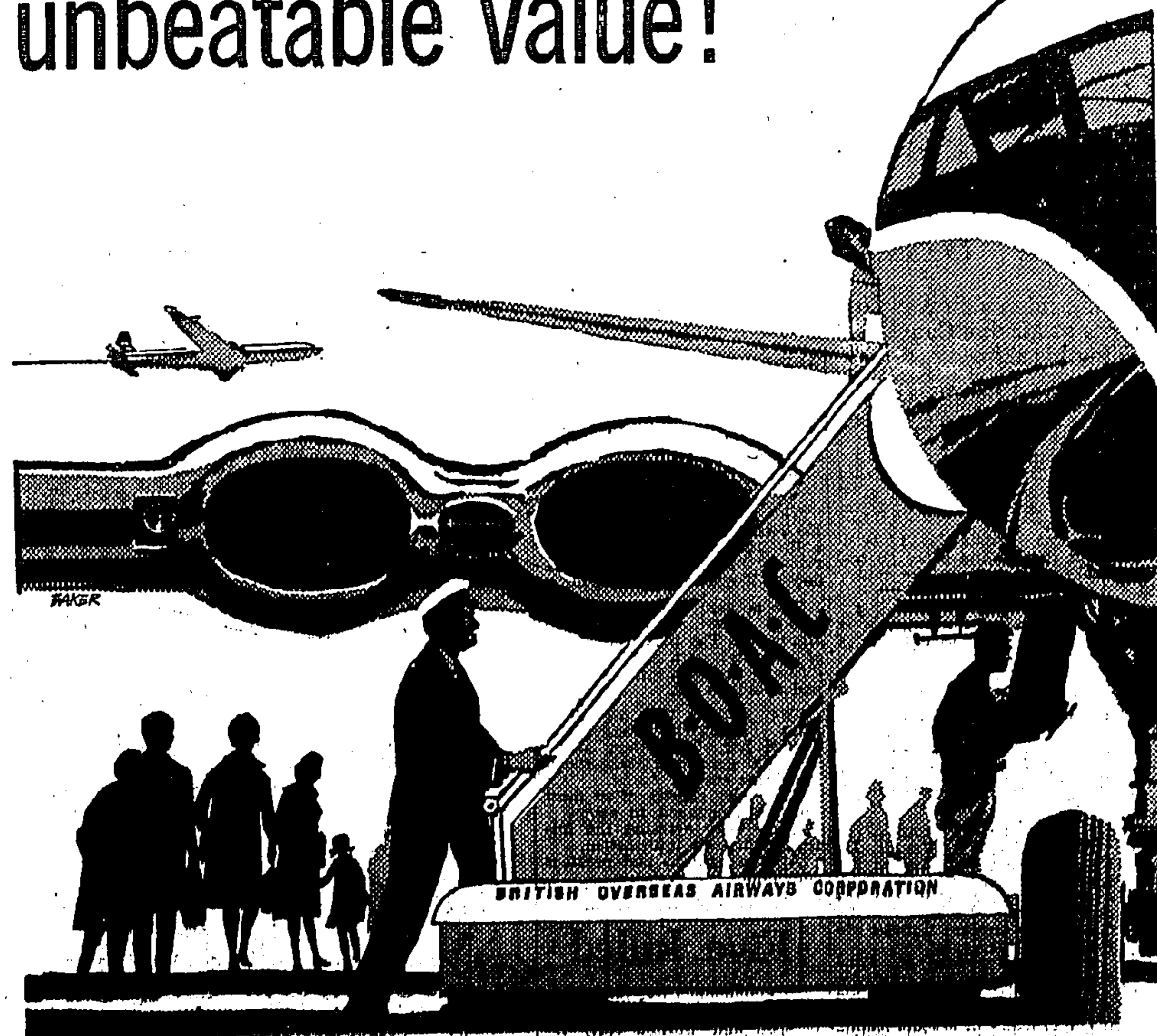
Pressure of re-sale offerings on print and broadcloths, usually a worth-while venture under first-hand mill levels kept a rein on buyer interest.

Since the new year, there has been no business of consequence placed in cotton grey goods.

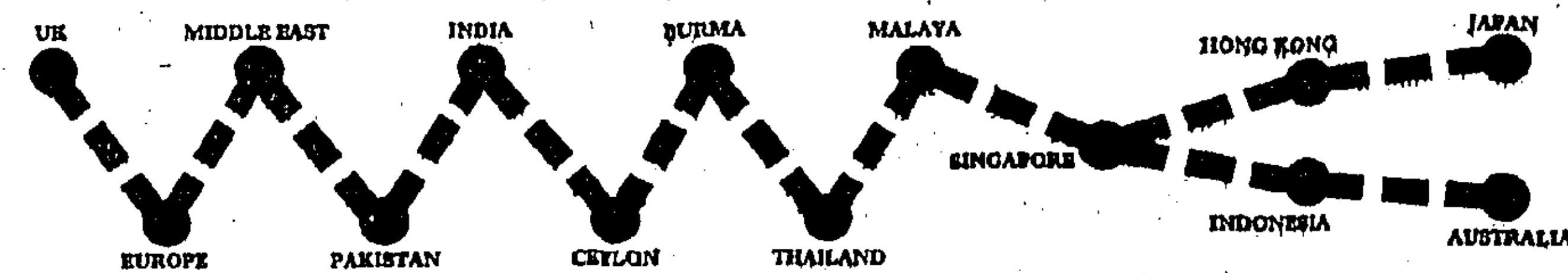
As a result, the unfilled order position of mills, while still substantial, nevertheless has been reduced. With production going up while the demand has been going down, buyers decided they have little to lose by waiting the situation out. —UPI.

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K gets big welcome at Marseilles, strict precautions taken

Marseilles, Mar. 27. Mr Nikita Khrushchev drove into this traditionally left-wing Mediterranean port tonight to a rousing welcome from a 10,000 crowd waving red flags and shouting pro-Soviet slogans.

Medical scheme

Bergamo, Italy, Mar. 27. A scheme to ensure swift medical attention for road accident casualties started here yesterday when doctors picked the arms of 16 Italian motorists and recorded their blood-groups on their driving licenses. Bergamo is the first Italian province to start the scheme, organised by the Italian Automobile Club.—China Mail Special.

Ike on need for peace with justice

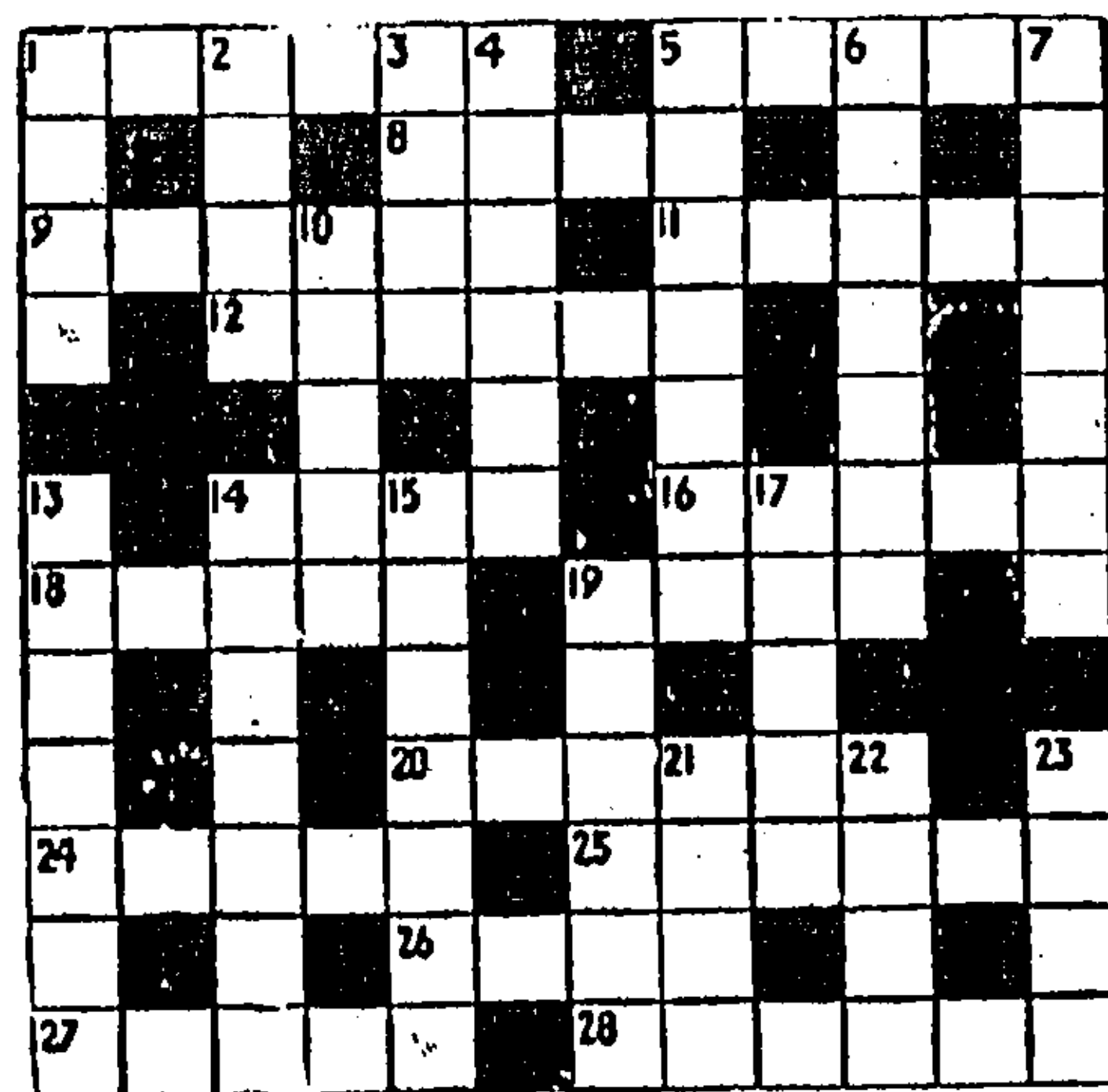
Washington, Mar. 27. President Eisenhower said today that the modern generation understood much better than his "the need — now approaching the absolute — for peace with justice" when he opened a White House conference on children and youth.

He said the need and hope for peace would develop in youth "the qualities of the heart and mind that will be inscribed on the prominent pillars of peace and freedom."

Mr Eisenhower called the conference, which was attended by 7,000 teachers and social workers, to "promote opportunities for children and youth to realise their full potential for a creative life in freedom and dignity."

The conference, which is held every 10 years, was first called by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1909. The present one is being held at the University of Maryland near Washington.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Name that fits birds to a T (6).
 - Tape-breaker? (5).
 - Biblical character (4).
 - Pure, in spite of being much sought after? (6).
 - Carried on alarmingly (5).
 - Has only half the score — hurry! (6).
 - Architectural feature of Brighton (4).
 - Yearn to make many talk wildly (6).
 - How pale might talk? (5).
 - Look equal (4).
 - Incursion in the highway (6).
 - Keeping a watchful eye (5).
 - Peer in Paris (6).
 - Foreigner of the mild type (4).
 - Decreased tension (5).
 - Despot (6).
- DOWN**
- Engrave some sketches (4).
 - He had plenty of mates aboard! (4).
 - Collection on the tennis court (4).
 - Disense-carrying fly (6).
 - Something to heat up a vessel in front (7).
 - No terror! (7).
 - Schoolboy catch (7).
 - Footwear (5).
 - Perform a musical work to start with (7).
 - Look them? You'll need sharp eyes! (7).
 - Well-deserved (7).
 - Majestic — or some other epithet (6).
 - Leave to have a hair-dot (6).
 - Slippery (4).
 - Law girl (4).
 - Turn of the tide (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1. Swam, 4. Roused, 5. C-ling, 10. Amber, 12. Hobnob, 14. Seattle, 17. Bebe, 19. And-iron, 20. Terrace, 22. Swoop (rev), 23. Effects, 27. Tonsil, 29. Thane, 30. Tiller, 31. Ejecta, 32. Tonga. — Down: 1. Sacks, 2. Adieu, 3. Might, 5. Oran, 6. Glibber, 7. Darken, 9. Solaces, 11. Mobile, 13. Patchy, 15. Crew, 16. Terpen, 18. Boot, 20. Two-tee, 21. Rotiate, 24. Filth, 25. Colon, 26. Syke, 28. Neat.

Widow and 5 children killed in fire

New York, Mar. 27. A 46-year-old widow and five of her children died early today when fire razed their lonely farmhouse near Winthrop, Maine.

Sole survivor of the blaze, Roland Forst, 21, reported the tragic fire when he pounded on a neighbour's door screaming, "My family's gone, my family's gone."

Police identified the victims as Mrs. Mildred Forst, 46, and five of her children, Archie, 5; Glenda, 8; Rita, 9; Harry, 10; and Oscar, 14.

Police said Roland Forst escaped the flames by leaping from a second story window of the remote farmhouse.

The fire was apparently caused by a defective oil burner that had given the family "trouble for some time."—UPI.

Nixon among ten best-dressed men

New York, Mar. 27. Vice President Richard M. Nixon today was named one of the 10 best-dressed men in America by the Custom Tailors Guild of America.

Chairman of the guild, Mr. James Scall, said Mr. Nixon, who is seeking the republican



MR RICHARD NIXON

presidential nomination, had come a long way sartorially since he arrived in Washington. "Mr. Nixon, who didn't know how to dress at all when he first arrived in Washington, is now a fashion plate," Mr. Scall said.

The annual list of 10 best-dressed men included two other well-known Americans, Brian Aherne, film star and chief justice Earl Warren.—UPI.

Body recovered
Marseilles, Mar. 27. The body of American professor Conrad Limbaugh who disappeared last Sunday while exploring an underground river which empties into Port-Miou cove near here, was recovered here today.

The body was taken to a hospital in nearby Cassis.—AFP.

Gen. MacArthur
New York, Mar. 27. General Douglas MacArthur, recovering from a March 9 prostate gland operation was continuing to make normal progress at Lenox Hill Hospital, it was reported today.

The 60-year-old general entered the hospital on January 29.—AP.



Thirty-year-old Frenchwoman Lucienne Vignall is shown nursing her newly-born son Freddy in a hospital bed near London last week—the day after Freddy, arriving unexpectedly a month early, had forced a Paris-New York jetliner, an hour out from Europe, to turn back to London Airport. So Freddy becomes a potential British subject (he will have the choice of British or French nationality)—though his father Marcel (in picture) and mother had both expressly said to be American. For the jetliner was taking them and their other three children to a new life as immigrants in Boston.—Express Photo.

Ku Klux Klan set crosses on fire in U.S. south

Washington, Mar. 27. Flaming crosses lit up the night sky last night as hooded men in white robes set scores of crosses on fire in many communities of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, it was learned here today.

More than 100 flaming crosses were counted in Alabama's Calhoun county alone, as members of the "Ku Klux Klan" while supremacist organisation swung into action in those states which have so far successfully resisted racial integration.

Police have already questioned a dozen persons in connection with the burning crosses and one of them, in hood and robe, told police that last night's incidents were merely meant to show that the K.K.K. was organized and ready to act.

It appears now that a general order went out to K.K.K. members in southern states to burn crosses — the organisation's traditional act of intimidation — in all southern states at the same time last night.

In several communities, K.K.K. members burned crosses while wearing civilian dress. No disorderly demonstrations were reported anywhere, as the K.K.K. members either went home after setting fire to the crosses or merely stood around silently watching the blazing spectacle.—AFP.

4 killed as ship explodes

Caracas, Mar. 27. The bodies of two more crew members of the tanker mobile Astral were taken from the waters of the Port of Puerto La Cruz today, bringing to four the number of persons known dead in the explosion and fire aboard the vessel on Friday.

Three others were still missing. The explosion and fire came after the tanker had loaded 200,000 barrels of petroleum at the eastern Venezuelan port.—AP.

Abandoned
Kolding, Mar. 27. After several breakdowns, Danish post office engineers have had to abandon their plastic-covered underground cables. Rats and mice were making a meal out of the plastic.—China Mail Special.

Miss Bardot attracts thousands, jams traffic in Lisbon

Lisbon, Mar. 27. Wherever the traffic has been blocked in Lisbon since yesterday afternoon, the answer was always the same: "Brigitte Bardot is here."

Portuguese teenagers — many of them deprived of seeing Brigitte Bardot on the screen — since most of her pictures are marked here for people over 17—but who know the French star well enough through magazine and newspaper reports—are mostly responsible for the rush.

Thousands jammed Lisbon airport yesterday, later the entrance of a hotel where a cocktail party was held and still later the St. George Theatre, where she appeared.

All anybody wanted, apparently, was to get a glimpse of the French actress, and heavy rain had no influence on the size of the crowds.



BRIGITTE BARDOT

Castro blames U.S.

Havana, Mar. 27. Fidel Castro boasted today that Cuba was militarily strong enough to smash any counter-revolutionary invasion from the United States or elsewhere.

In an announced speech before 100,000 militia men and women at the Camp Liberty army headquarters, the bearded Premier charged that the United Fruit Company, a private American business firm, was behind the invasion of "mercenaries" which toppled the pro-Communist regime of President Jacobo Arbenz in Guatemala in 1954.

Fidel followed his brother, Defence Minister Raul Castro, to the speaker's platform and drew a storm of cheers with his claims that Cuba is too mighty a military power to be trifled with.—UPI.

Churchill pays surprise visit

Castries, St Lucia, Mar. 26. Citizens of St Lucia's capital gave Sir Winston Churchill a rousing welcome when he paid a surprise visit yesterday afternoon.

Hundreds gathered on the wharf and broke through a police cordon to cheer as Sir Winston came ashore to be met by the administrator, the Earl of Oxford and Asquith and Lady Oxford.

Mr Churchill's party drove to government house and made a tour of the city environs. He was again greeted with spontaneous cheering and "V-signs" on his return.

Sir Winston and Lady Churchill returned to Mr Aristotle Onassis's yacht Christina after being ashore for about three hours.—China Mail Special.

British firm to operate steel mill

Caracas, Mar. 27. The Caracas newspaper, El Mundo reports that Techint Limited of England, will operate Venezuela's large new steel mill when it opens next June.

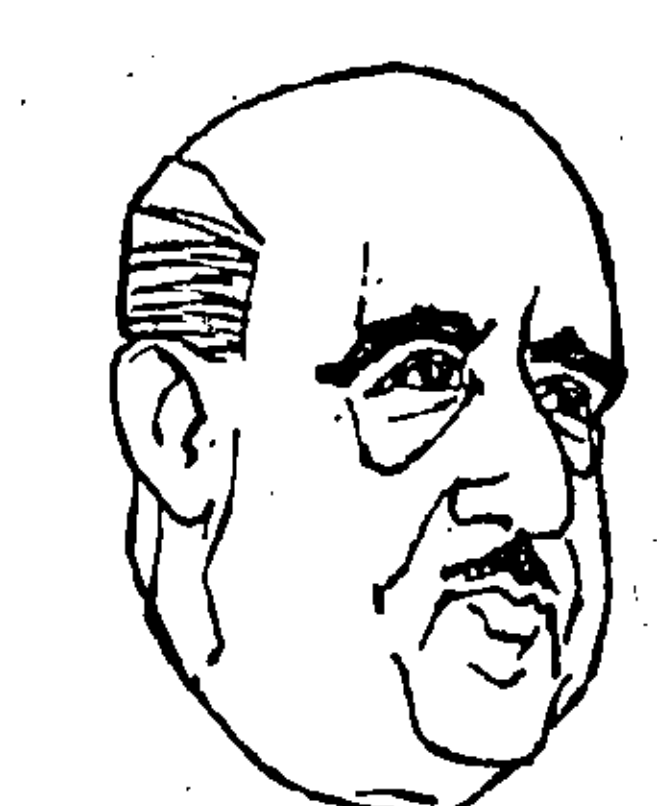
The newspaper, quoting an informed source, said the Venezuelan Government will pay the British firm a fixed price plus a production percentage.

The plant, on the Orinoco River, is being constructed by the Italian company, Innocenti, initial production is to be 13,000 tons annually.—AP.

Two natives prayed before beating man to death

Port Moresby, Mar. 27. A New Guinea patrol officer on Friday told how two natives had prayed for an hour in church before beating a man to death with a tomahawk.

Franco heart attack denied



GENERAL FRANCO

Madrid, Mar. 28. A report by a foreign newspaper that Spanish Chief of State General Francisco Franco had suffered a "serious heart attack" was discounted by observers here.

There has been no official confirmation or denial of the report. Ten days ago, Franco presided over the meeting of the Spanish cabinet, and has been seen in public several times since. He has also held his customary audiences.—AFP.

'Big brother' Volkswagen denied

Bonn, Mar. 27. A spokesman for the West German Volkswagen car firm tonight denied a report to produce a "big brother" to its popular "two-door saloon."

He said the report, by the West German news agency D.P.A., was based on a statement by an export official of the firm which "did not correspond to the facts."

The spokesman said there was no intention of producing a bigger Volkswagen and that the old model would "go on being produced for many years without any change in the outer shape but with improvements."

NEXT YEAR
The D.P.A. report said that the larger "people's car" was expected to go into production next year but that it would not replace the present model.

The Volkswagen factory is the largest producer of one type of car in Europe.

Since production started after the war it has turned out more than three million Volkswagens.—Reuter.

Actress's home burgled

Hollywood, Mar. 28. Actress June Wilkinson told police burglars stole \$4,100 worth of furs from her apartment. The theft occurred while she and her roommates were out for ice cream. They returned at 2 a.m. to find the door pried open and four furs missing. Saturday was her 20th birthday.—AP.

Price change

Washington, Mar. 27. Robert J. Myers, Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, explaining changes in the price of clothing said today he believed "I can say with a straight face that women's girdles have been inching up over the past year."—UPI.

Stockholm, Mar. 27. Eskil Karlsson said in Katrineholm, Sweden, today he drives his 14-year-old horse to work in a truck, because "the old mare drags logs in the forest and does a better day's work if she doesn't have to walk to work."—UPI.

Then they had sent a relative to "confess" to the crime to give them time to pay compensation to the dead man's tribe. The relative had been in jail five weeks before police uncovered the deception, he said. Gwari Halembu and Munu Mununga appeared in the Supreme Court at Tati, 350 miles north-west of Port Moresby. They pleaded not guilty to having murdered Obe Pibigi.

Mr Justice Gore found them guilty and sentenced them to death.

OWED 30 PIGS

Patrol officer Gordon Smith told the court Halembu had admitted killing Pibigi because he owed him thirty pigs.

Before the confession, however, both men had used a relative named Meria as "scapegoat" for the crime.

Patrol officer Smith said after Pibigi had been killed, Halembu and Mununga had told Meria to go to the police and confess to the crime.

They had explained it was only a temporary arrangement—as soon as they had rounded up enough pigs to pay compensation they would give themselves up.

TOLD POLICE

Mr Smith said after the plot was uncovered Meria had told him "I was to take the blame for a little time as far as the government was concerned."

Halembu had been arrested and then had told police the whole story.

He was alleged to have said "Obe owed me 30 pigs for killing a relative of mine but he wouldn't pay."

"The day we decided to kill him, we went to church for about an hour."

"Later we found Obe walking along the road and cut him down with an axe."—China Mail Special.

Kenya leader meets hostile reception

Nairobi, Mar. 27. Kenya nationalist leader Tom Mboya today received the first hostile reception in his recent political career when he went to Kiambu in Kikuyu land for a conference aimed at forming a new, all-embracing African political group.

As Mboya stepped from his car leaving crowds yelled their disappointment at his failure to achieve immediate independence under a Kenya African Government at the recent London constitutional talks.

"You have sold us," they shouted as he entered Kiambu social hall.

Mboya and dozens of other African political leaders are meeting in secret session to form what may be the most powerful political group in Kenya since the proscribed Kenya African Union.—AP.

Free service

West Berlin, Mar. 27. Passengers arriving at the main railway station in Kassel in rainy weather can borrow an umbrella free for 24 hours as part of the service of the estate-owned railways. Most of the 23 umbrellas available are designed for women.—China Mail Special.

'Mixed-up' frogs

New York, Mar. 27. The Bronx Zoo today showed several species of "mixed-up" frogs. One type grows smaller as it grows older. Another chirps like a cricket instead of croaking like a frog. The males of a third type care for the young, instead of the females. And a fourth species turns from green to pink.—UPI.

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Ordinary Yearly Meeting of

Shareholders of the Hongkong

Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.

will be held at 12.00 noon on Monday,

28th March, 1960, at St. George's Build-

ing, Chater Road, 2nd floor, Hong Kong:

1. To receive the Directors' Report and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1959.

2. To confirm the Interim Dividend of 10 cents per share and Bonus of 20 cents per share.

3. To sanction the recommendation of the Directors as to the payment of a Final Dividend of 20 cents per share and Bonus of \$1.00 per share, and

4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Sensational come-back of the forgotten clown

By RICHARD BERRY

The talkies, colour processes, wide screens, the method, the great strike of 1960... Hollywood has seen many revolutions since the silent days of Mack Sennett and the Keystone Kops.

But one familiar feature remains the same—the rubbery, disconsolate face of Joseph Frank "Buster" Keaton who, along with Harold Lloyd and Charles Chaplin, was ranked as one of the greatest clowns of the silent screen.

Buster Keaton, the original dead-pat, said "I made a million dollars in the 1920's—lost the lot. Then came the talkies, and the frozen-faced star of silent days was soon a forgotten man."

Now Buster is back. After finding new fame and fortune in television, he has returned in triumph to Hollywood to make his come-back as clown-king in "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

Keaton, greyed but otherwise looking very much as he did in the 'twenties, has worked in show business for more than 60 years.

Born into a family of circus and vaudeville performers, he made his professional debut at the age of three and rapidly learned that he got the biggest laughs by remaining expressionless. From then on he never smiled in public and wore a perpetual hard-dog look.

"We ran my first films through three times to make sure I hadn't smiled," he says. "I didn't even smile at girls."

It took courage as well as restraint on Keaton's part to keep a permanent poker face. In one stage act he was slammed in the face each night with a broom. Without blinking an eyelid he would remain dead-pat for five or six seconds and



BUSTER KEATON

then say "ouch." It taught him perfect timing and self-control.

A FALL

Joseph Frank Keaton—Buster since the age of six months when he fell down a flight of stairs—began making two-reel silent comedies in 1917 and graduated to full length feature films in the 'twenties.

Even today, revivals of his films like "The General" and "The Navigator" are hailed as little masterpieces of comic art.

Keaton made a million dollars in the 'twenties and spent it all within a few years, "I guess I was the world's worst businessman," he recalls sadly. "I was

always putting money into businesses and losing it. What the hell..."

Besides bad investments, he admits that much of his money went on marriage settlements (over £120,000 to his first wife) and liquor. "But I haven't wanted a drink for years. I feel so terrible afterwards."

Buster had his own production company in those days and he continued to make silent pictures when the talkies arrived. These never achieved the popular success of his silent films and he was forced to earn his living as a guest in every major television show in the United States earning as much as £1,000 for about eight minutes' work—"more than I was ever paid in pictures."

When he visited Britain for a variety tour—and to act as technical adviser for a series of 30 half-hour comedy films for television—he was billed with old-timers George Robey and W.C. Fields. "Wood. He said gloomily: 'It's like walking on your own grave.'"

LOST YOUTH

Keaton tried to recapture his youth by touring with circuses on the Continent. For £200 a week he would enter the ring trying to deliver a dress suit—and leave being chased by hell the circus.

Then he fell gravely ill and came home for several days. Few people, including the sad-faced comedian, imagined he would ever play in films again.

Yet today, at 64, he is as energetic as ever in slapstick comedy and lives comfortably with his third wife Eleanor, a former ballet dancer, on a small farm in California. For a man with the face of a broken-hearted bloodhound, he seems remarkably happy. —Central Press.

This police dog is a living legend

By W.F. Sunderland

Rome, Mar. 27.

Italy's most famous policeman is a dog.

Dox, a 13-year-old police dog of German descent, has enough history and legend behind his name to fill a book.

He has won four gold medals and 27 silver medals for bravery, he has been shot in the line of duty, and he has even had a popular song written about him.

The huge, tawny-coloured dog was born on May 4, 1946, in Germany. When he was only 40 days old he teamed up with the man he has stayed with ever since, Brigadier Giovanni Malmone.

During the years they have saved each other's lives. For instance, while Malmone was in a hunt for Sicilian Bandit Giuliano he brought a couple of the famous robber's companions to justice, but himself was wounded. He hid in a cave until Dox found him and brought help.

Dox's exploits in the field of crime are almost unbelievable, they are documented by the police who have worked with him.

A storekeeper was robbed and beaten. Dox was called in on the case.

ATTACK WEAPON

He snuffed at drops of blood from the wounds and then disappeared. A little while later he turned up, carrying a tub, the attack weapon. But Dox the police dog didn't stop there. He went into a nearby bar and rushed to one of the men. He kept the man there until Police arrived and arrested him. Sure enough, the man broke down under police questioning and confessed.

Dox is an unusually large dog, with hair longer than is usual with the Police Dog breed. One car stands up straight, the other folds down, having been pierced by a bullet.

He is a fond favourite of the Italian press. The newspapers carry his latest exploits and on tough cases they even go so far as to urge that he be brought in.

Dox actually works for the Mobile Squad of the Italian Police. He has had his paw prints taken, a Roman sculptor has done a statue of him, and Odoardo Spadaro wrote a song about him.

There have been numerous rumours of his retirement, but so far nothing definite has been announced.

However, Dox II is being trained by Malmone and Dox himself. Although not related, the dogs get along well. Dox even donated blood to save the life of Dox II when the younger dog was ill.

Dox II is often tied to his senior's collar. Malmone thinks that soon he will come close to equalling his elder's exploits. —UPI.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him and his righteousness unto children's children.—Psalms 103:17.

But we can stop the heritage in one generation by turning aside to selfish and sensual living.

Press-Radio Bible Service, Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Malayan newsletter from Gordon Hung

Automatic promotion blamed for fall in education standards

Kuala Lumpur (By Airmail).

The Senior Cambridge results are out and the most disturbing factor shown by the results is that roughly one-third of the candidates failed out of the 12,000 boys and girls who sat for the examination.

In most secondary schools, now well advanced with the new batch of certificate candidates, the examination results gave the common cause something to think about because of the unpleasant increase in the number of failures.

Girls seem generally to have done better than boys. The cinema, as usual, got part of the blame while some educationists felt that boys were inclined to be irresponsible and parents disinclined to do anything about it.

There was almost universal support for the view that the automatic promotion system was lowering education standards.

This system was imposed to ensure a steady stream of youngsters through schools five years ago and prevented classes being jammed with those whose lack of ability meant that they had to stay back for a year in the same class.

Automatic promotion in the Federation's packed schools imposed an assembly-line technique with the good, bad and lazy advancing from one class to the next every year.

Headmasters examining this year's results felt the lack of yearly examinations, on which progress from one class to the next would depend, had brought about slackness and laziness.

But for the 8,000 who have passed and decided to give up school life, job prospects are dimly better than last year. More than 3,000 places are going in teachers' training colleges and training centres here and abroad.

These trainees—they will all receive allowances while learning the job—are required to cope with the Federation Government's rapidly expanding education system.

This year the Ministry of Education has a \$12 million programme for new primary and secondary schools.

Apart from vacancies in the general clerical service and other Government departments, the outlook in commerce is less hopeful. Malaya has not yet reached the stage of development where large numbers of new employees are needed and modern factories employ few people compared with the capital cost involved.

Six months ago it was estimated that about 50 per cent of the 1959 batch of certificate leavers were still jobless.

In Singapore where the job situation is more acute, a number of young men armed with their school certificates have decided to become farmers instead of joining in the scramble for white-collar jobs.

One Senior Cambridge man said: "With my education and a few things I have learned at school on biology and chemistry, I think I will make a better farmer than the uneducated man who has to learn everything the hard way."

His classmates agreed with his line of reasoning and now there is a hunt for suitable land in Singapore.

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middle-man in Hongkong has been cut off.

A 71-year-old Methodist pastor, but painter by inclination, who celebrated his golden wedding anniversary recently, said he had found the secret of happiness—contentment and faith.

Mr Low Kwang-said: "I have never had a serious quarrel, with my wife during the past 50 years. She is 60."

He has 10 children, 20 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

He named his daughters Merry, Glory, Gaily, Gladys, Morcy and Grace and his sons Jolly, Lucky, Happy and Steady, in the hope that they would develop these attributes.

Extortioners and thugs who prey on boys in one Kuala Lumpur school are in for a tough time.

The headmaster said that the school had formed a judo club to deal with them.

"The action we took has had a salutary effect," he said. "Our juvenile gangsters are now the laughing stock of the school."

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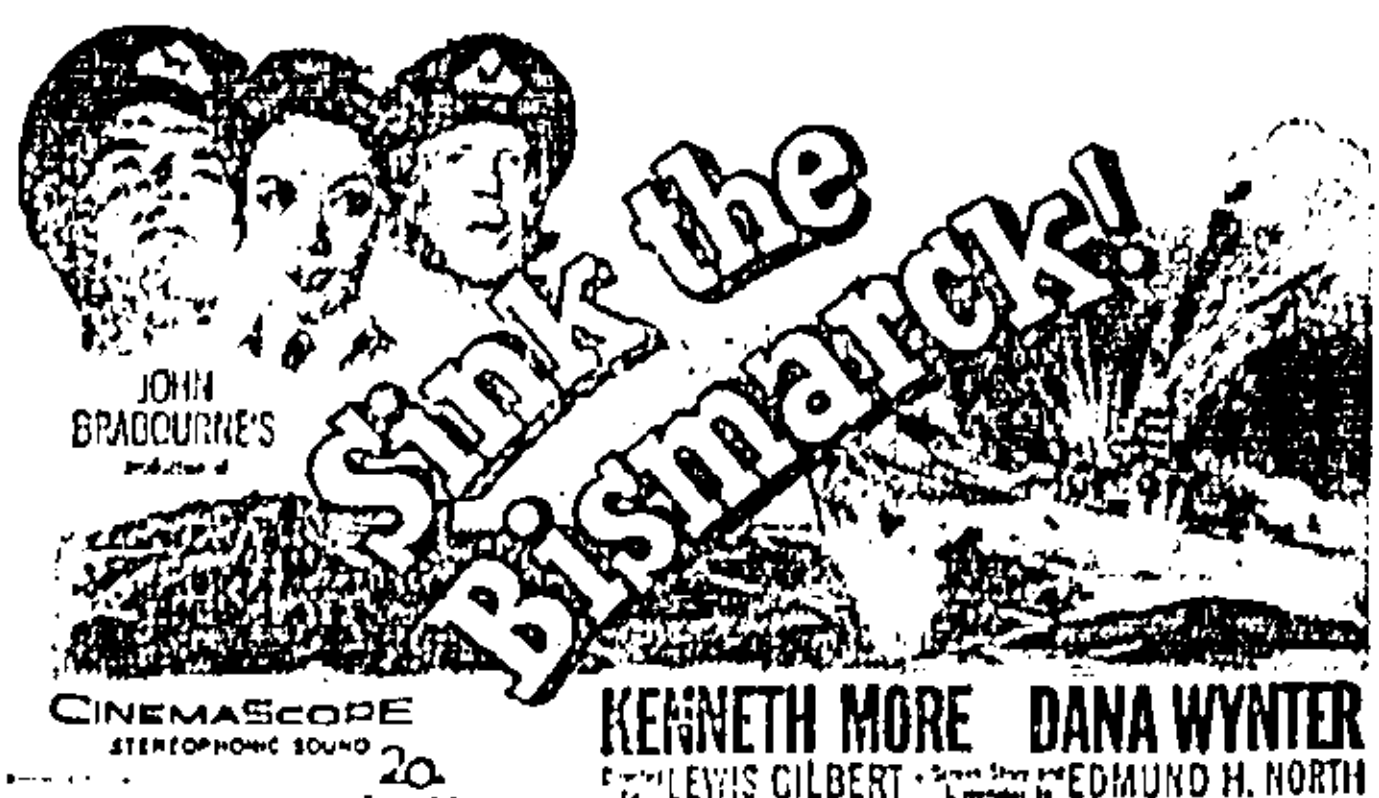
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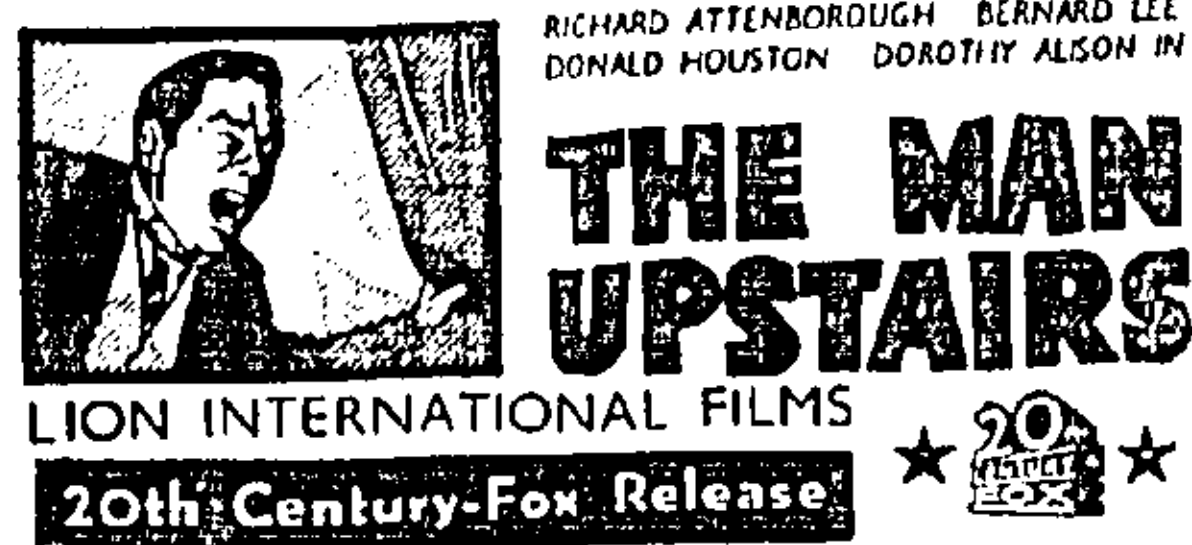
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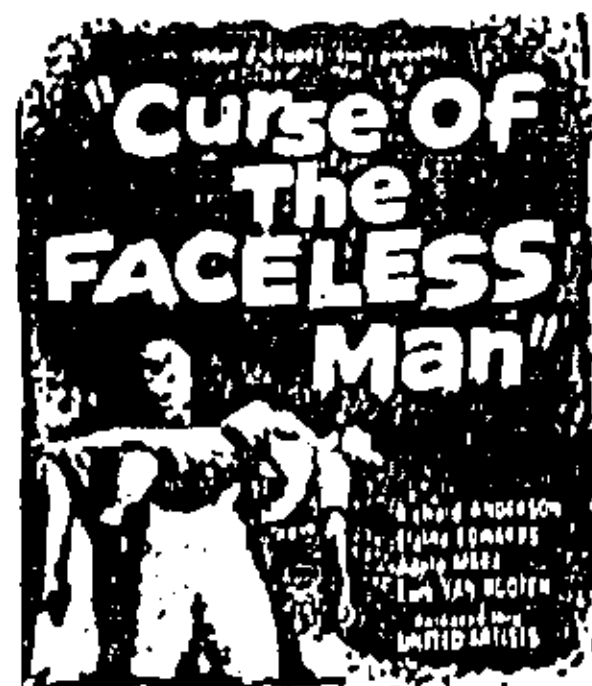
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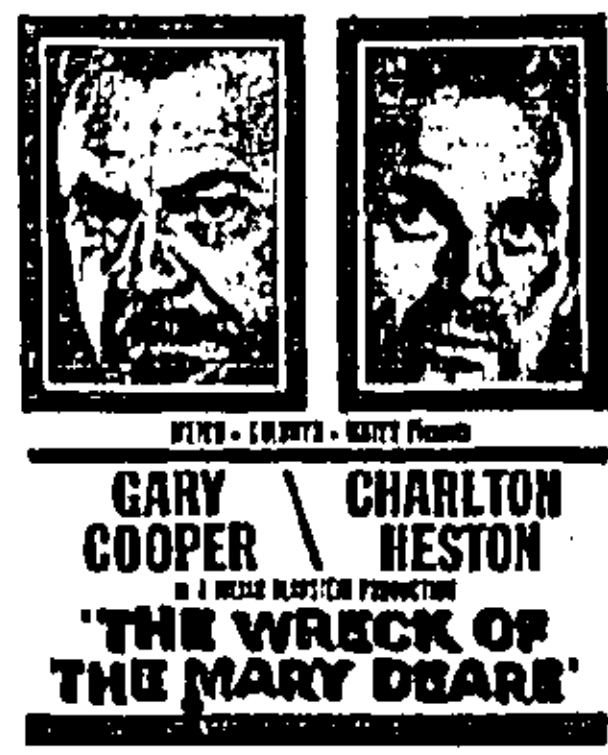
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CAPITOL: To-morrow At 12.30 p.m. "GUNSIGHT RIDGE"

Stuffy Palace official blamed for Tony's wedding clothes secret

London, Mar. 27.
The Tailor and Cutter, authoritative weekly magazine on men's clothes, yesterday complained that "a rather stuffy attitude" on the part of some Palace official would prevent any advance publicity on the clothes to be worn by Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones at his wedding to Princess Margaret.

Early surprise for congregation

Uckfield, Mar. 27.
Princess Margaret and her fiancé, Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones, surprised the early morning congregation by attending Holy Communion today at the Uckfield, Sussex, Parish church.

Few people knew that the Princess and Mr Armstrong-Jones were spending the week-end quietly in the district as guests of Lord and Lady Rupert Nevill.

Lord and Lady Nevill went to church with them, afterwards driving them back to their home, Uckfield House.

Princess Margaret wore a pink coat and a black fur hat. The Nevilles are among her closest friends. Their 12-year-old daughter Angela is to be one of the eight bridesmaids at the wedding in Westminster Abbey on May 6.

HONEYMOON

The Hampshire home of Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten, Chief of Britain's Defence Staff, may be the place where the Princess and her husband will spend the first night of their married life, the Sunday Pictorial said today. The Earl—'Uncle Dickie' to the Queen and Princess Margaret—has already indicated that he would be happy to place Broadlands at their disposal, it added.

Townpeople at nearby Romsey are expecting official confirmation in a few days. From Romsey the newlyweds could drive next morning to nearby Portsmouth to embark in the Royal yacht Britannia placed by the Queen at their disposal for an away-from-it-all honeymoon.

The Queen spent part of her own honeymoon at Broadlands.—China Mail Special.

New paper for Cyprus

Nicosia, Mar. 27.
The Nicosia evening newspaper Phos reported yesterday that a 25-year-old Greek Cypriot journalist who was sentenced to death during the Cyprus emergency would edit a new morning newspaper in the island.

The journalist, Nicos Sampson, was sentenced to death for carrying a firearm in June, 1957, after being acquitted of the murder of a British policeman.

The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and he was sent to Britain later in that year to serve his sentence but returned to Greece under the amnesty arrangements last year on the proviso that he did not return to Cyprus without the permission of the Cyprus Government.

The newspaper report said Sampson's newspaper would be called Kyriakon Phos (Cyriot Light).—China Mail Special.

The magazine said that though there was as much interest in what Mr Armstrong-Jones would wear as there was in what Princess Margaret will wear "there is no doubt that this interest will remain frustrated until the big day."

"Meanwhile, doubtless, the wedding gown will receive an increasing surge of the publicity which has already been accorded it."

Sympathy

The magazine said it had approached Mr Armstrong-Jones' tailors for information or pictures but has been turned down. The magazine sympathised with the position of the tailors and with Mr Armstrong-Jones "who doubtless wishes to be led through a delicate set of circumstances in strict conformity with protocol."

"We can only conclude that the decision on disallowing publicity to the wedding garment emanates from a rather stuffy attitude originating in the mind of some Palace official."—China Mail Special.

Elaborate tulip anniversary

Rotterdam, Mar. 27.
A replica of part of Sir Winston Churchill's garden at Chartwell, Kent, and flowers from the gardens of Britain's Royal Family were on display at the "Florido" exhibition opening here yesterday. The exhibition is to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the introduction of the tulip into Western Europe and the 100th anniversary of the Royal Netherlands Bulb Cultivation Institute which promotes research and improvement of bulbs.

More than two million bulbs, all handplanted, will flower during the six-month show.

COACH TRIP

A British-built mail-coach about 100 years old, drawn by 10 horses, will leave Istanbul next Wednesday to follow the route taken 400 years ago by Ogier Chislain de Busbecq, a Flemish diplomat who introduced the tulip and the elder tree into Western Europe. The coach, with 10 people and a "special" tulip aboard, will come to Rotterdam by way of the Balkans, Austria and Southern Germany.—China Mail Special.

What the Commonwealth means

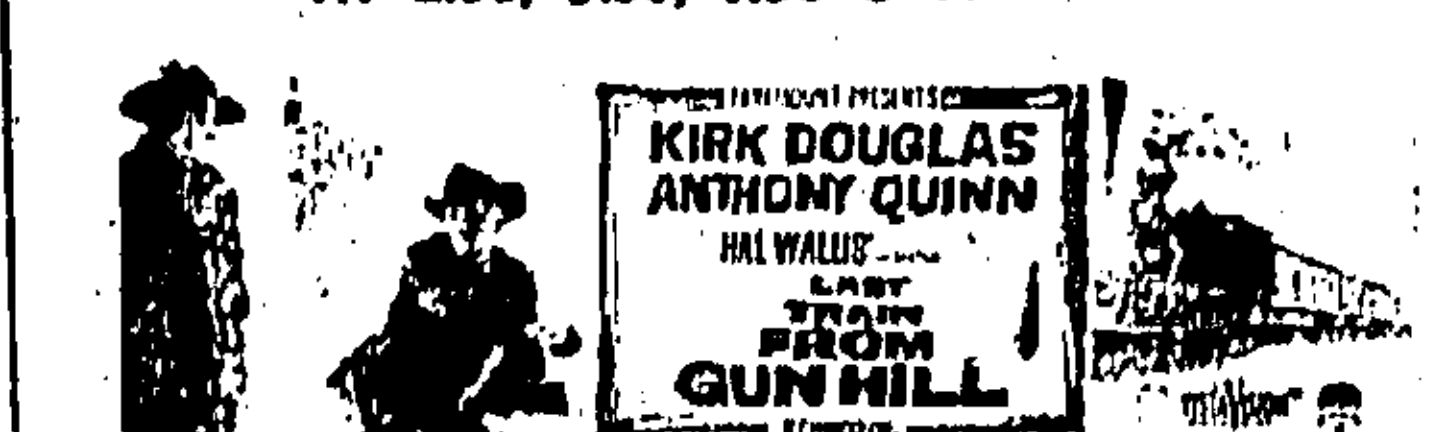
London, Mar. 28.
Mr Walter Nash, New Zealand Prime Minister, and Dr Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana, will speak at a Commonwealth symposium in London during the Commonwealth Prime Ministers conference here in May, it was announced today.

The Duke of Edinburgh will preside at the conference where there will be "What the Commonwealth means in practice."

It has been arranged by the English-Speaking Union, Mr Arthur Dean, new chairman of the Union in the United States, will also speak.—China Mail Special.

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SQUADRON ADOPTS TIGERS

Lossiemouth, Mar. 27.
A squadron of naval jet pilots who for the past few weeks have been tiger-hunting in Scotland has announced success.

The squadron, in training here—No. 804 Squadron of the Fleet Air Arm—has a tiger with a sword in its mouth for their squadron crest.

A few weeks ago they announced that they wanted to "adopt" a live tiger.

Now they have been offered two—one a full-grown animal called "Emperor", owned by the Paulton Zoo, Devon, the other a cub which the zoo expects to be born there later this year.

NO EXERCISE

But, according to the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Commander Gyles Blinney, there is not much likelihood that recruits will have to take the tigers out on a leash for exercise.

Because the squadron do not have a static base "Emperor" will remain at the zoo and members of the squadron will go there in May for an adoption ceremony.—China Mail Special.

Last regular steam locos retired

Durand, Mich. Mar. 27.
An era ended today as the last regularly scheduled steam locomotives in the United States chugged into retirement in this small central Michigan community right on schedule.

Hundreds of railroad fans and railroaders themselves were on hand when engines 6316 and 6322 arrived.

In Chicago, James Shea, President of the Railroad Public Relations Association and General Manager of the Southern Pacific, said the Association of American railroads probably would recognize the run as the last major, regular run in the country.

OTHERS

There are other steam locomotives still in service in the United States. Some of them sit on sidings awaiting the call that comes when their diesel brothers can't stand the pace. Others earn their keep by labouring on some of the small roads scattered throughout the nation.

James Thorpe, general agent of the Grand Trunk said, however, that the two engines which made today's run were the only steamers left in service on any major line.

Engines 6322 and 6319 will be put in good working order and retired to a siding at Durand for the time being.—UPI.

Ex-champion driver arrested

Brisbane, Mar. 27.
Former world champion stock car driver Leslie Aylmer Cooper yesterday left Brisbane under police escort for Tanganyika.

A warrant for his extradition was signed by the Queensland Governor Sir Henry Abel Smith and handed to Brisbane police on March 23.

Police Superintendent G. Shore of the Queensland Police Service arrived in Brisbane last month after a 7,000-mile trip from Tanganyika with warrant for Cooper's arrest which was issued in Tanganyika.

In the Brisbane police court on February 24, Cooper, 40, a mechanic, appeared on remand under a warrant issued in Tanganyika on four charges of having stolen an agent and six of having stolen a servant.—China Mail Special.

Scottish conductor dies

Glasgow, Mar. 27.
Mr Ian Whyte, conductor of the British Broadcasting Corporation's Scottish orchestra who has performed abroad, died at his Glasgow home early today. He was 58.

Mr Whyte helped form the orchestra in 1935 and had conducted it since.

He was widely known as a composer and for his arrangements of old Scottish music.—China Mail Special.

National Trust bequest

London, Mar. 27.
The National Trust which preserves lands and buildings of historic interest or natural beauty announced yesterday it had received £55,000 from the will of Dr Hubert Lewis Clifford Noel, who died in New York in 1954.

Dr Noel, an Englishman, spent much of his life in the United States but was resident and domiciled in Cuba.—China Mail Special.

Faith, Hope and Charity 92 yesterday

New York, Mar. 27.
Faith, Hope and Charity—America's oldest triplets—celebrated their 92nd birthday today and attributed their longevity to their names.

The celebration wasn't as spirited as some in recent years since two of the sisters are bed patients at Cushing State hospital for the aged at Framingham, Mass. But the usual gifts and cards from throughout the world were present.

The sisters, all widows, are Mrs Annie Faith McDonnell, Mrs Ellen Hope Daniels and Mrs Nora Charity Murphy. Mrs McDonnell, also a patient at the hospital, visited her two sisters at their bedside for the cutting of a huge birthday cake.

"It's been a wonderful life for the three of us," said Mrs McDonnell, "and I think our longevity is due to our trying to live up to our middle names."

One of their fondest memories is the day before their 27th birthday when Pope Pius XII sent them a bronze medallion together with strings of pearl rosary beads.—UPI.

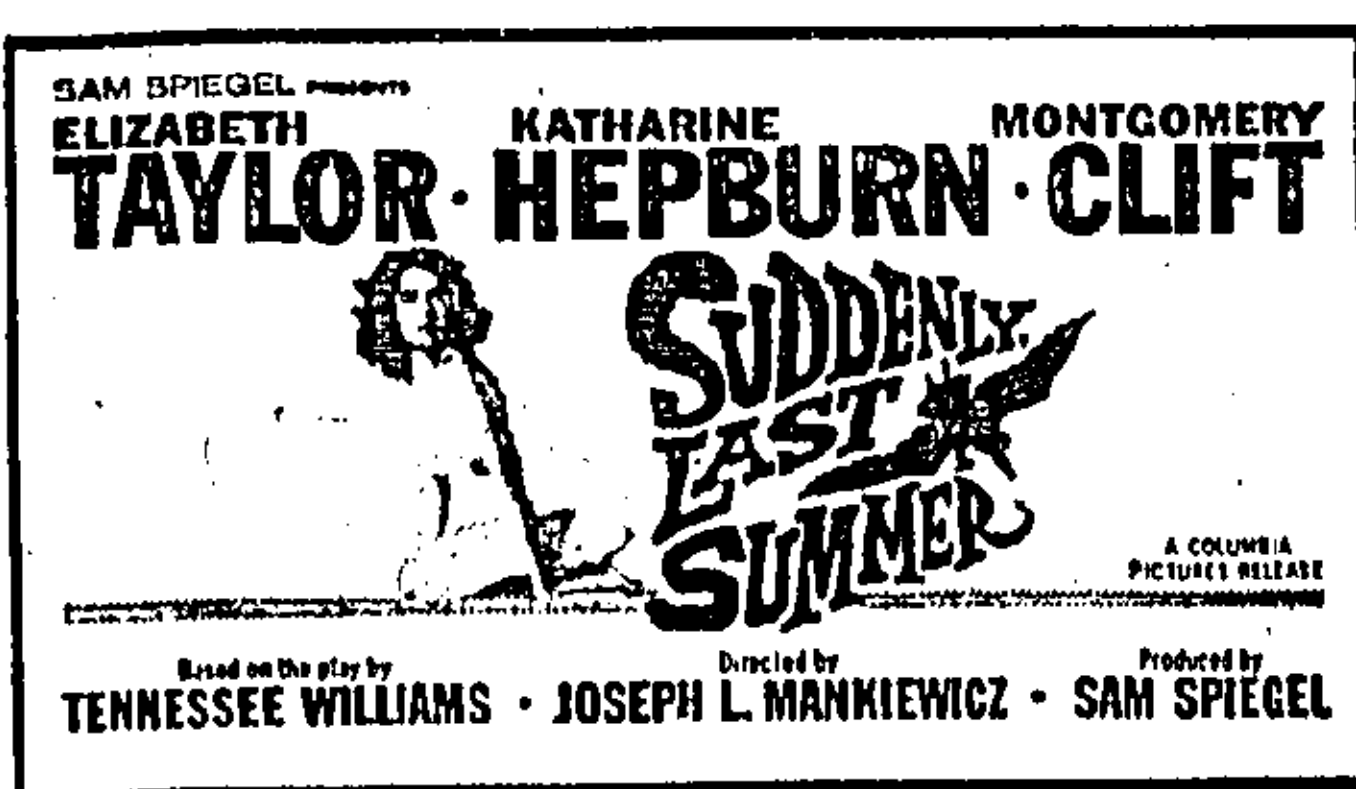
Royal visit

Tehran, Mar. 27.
A Royal Court communique announced today that King Hussein will arrive in Tehran on April 4 for a 10-day State visit at the invitation of the Shah.—AP.

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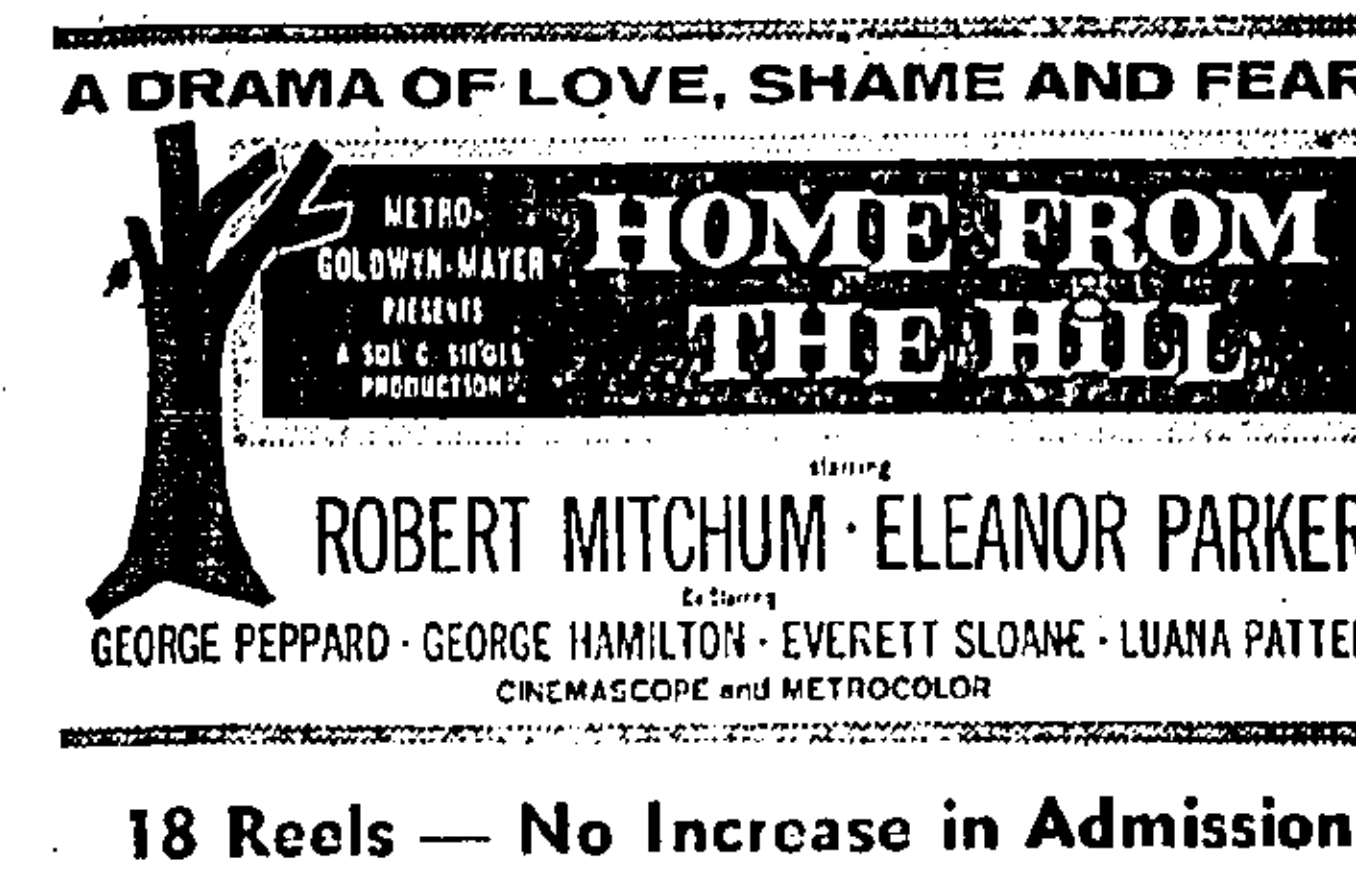
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THE TWO FACES OF ROME

by DONALD EDGAR

I KNOW more corrupt cities than Rome. I know more wicked cities than Rome. But I do not know one more decadent. Decadence is the theme of a remarkable film that has unleashed a torrent of antagonism all over Italy—particularly from the Church.

I flew to Rome specially to see it—and to see whether the hopelessness towards life that it expresses is really true today. Federico Fellini has called his film *La Dolce Vita*. Difficult to translate—literally it is "Life is Sweet." But the implications are ironic—Fellini means "So this is what they call life!"

Fellini shows the decadence of Rome blossoming with an orchid-like beauty against the background of the classical ruins, the grey stone of the renaissance palaces and churches and the most elegant and beautiful women in all the Western world.

The 'tone'

Well, does the Roman world of Fellini's imagination exist? Having known Rome since the war perhaps I am being slightly dishonest in putting the question. I know that the world of *La Dolce Vita* is only too real.

The "tone" of Roman life is set by a few hundred people—rich with irresponsible wealth. But the tone is liked by the majority of the people. They like it. They enjoy it. They copy it as far as they can.

It is everyone's ambition "Per fare una bella figura"—"To make a good show."

It is an atmosphere of round-armed, full-bodied luxury of ease, of privilege and arrogance, of charm and a basic disinterest in life as it is today.

There is a restless search for pleasure—not simple pleasures, but the complicated pleasures of the rich, satiated but disillusioned.

BRITISH JET FOR NEW GERMAN FIGHTER

By PETER WOON

JET engines for a revolutionary Messerschmitt supersonic fighter are to be jointly developed by Rolls-Royce and the German company M.A.N. of Augsburg.

This has been arranged "with the full approval of the British and Federal German Governments," it was announced.

The engine is the Rolls-Royce RB 153. Six of them will power the Messerschmitt delta-wing design—two vertically for straight-up take-off and the other four in pairs mounted in swivelling pods on the wing-tips. Leaping out of roughly prepared strips, the fighter is intended to fly at three times the speed of sound, or 2,000 miles an hour.

It is a direct rival to Britain's Hawker P1127, which will also take off vertically but fly only at subsonic speeds.

STUDY

The R.A.F. has been carrying out a "vulnerability study" to see if its pilots would be safe from interception in the future without supersonic capability.

Hawker has a lead. The P1127 will fly for the first time this autumn and build up valuable experience. From this a faster-than-sound fighter could be developed if the R.A.F. wishes. From fighters of the future to airliners—

The top speed of any British supersonic airliner should be kept down to 1,500 miles an hour to escape the unknown perils of the heat barrier or "thermal thickets," the aircraft makers will report today.

This is the basis of faster-than-sound design studies to be submitted to the Aviation Minister, Mr. Duncan Sandys, by the British Aircraft Corporation (Bristol-English Electric-Vickers) and the Hawker Siddeley Group.

At 1,500 miles an hour the airliner would cross the Atlantic to New York in less than three hours.

—(London Express Service).

JAK and GEORGE

are in
at the
birth
of a
voice

Now you need brains to get in the groove!

THIS column wishes to report, humbly, but with a keen sense of its responsibilities, a radical, vital change in the social demands of the young. No less.

A new era is about to dawn on the vast world of British entertainment, and Jak and I, our fingers ever on Britain's pulse, take pride in having been permitted to be present as the revolution swings into action, or something.

Spirit

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What I want to say is that the growing-up teenagers of Great Britain, with minds of their own and money in the same department, have decided that they want brains with their boop-a-doops.

Further, they have made known to those acolytes of art and curators of culture, the gramophone companies, that the days of gimmicks and poonery are gone. Nonsense is out. Rock is on the rocks. If you wanna stay in the groove and the gravy, say the lads and lasses of 1960, you gotta give us songs without slop.

And boy, how those gramophone companies have come running right on the heels of the new. The howling derbies and the dying ducks have been dismissed.

Feverishly, and far into the night, the sounds are listening at bathroom doors for singers who can sing, art without adenoids, and warblers who wash their necks.

Mind you, it is all very hush-hush. However, once cornered.

TOMORROW:

The centre of the universe

—(London Express Service).



They admitted everything, and even had a pianist playing soft music to prove it when Jak and I went to Bayswater and called on Mr. Jack Baverstock, known in the larynx trade as a top A and B man—artists and repertoire manager to you squares.

Mr. B., pausing reverently beneath the portraits of Frank Sinatra and Count Basie, said he was prepared to face the future bravely. If his young customers wanted New Voices, then, by golly, he would see they got New Voices.

Also, by a curious coincidence, he happened to have a Brand New Voice right there at that very moment, not to mention a studio, a musical director, a recording engineer, and six instrumentalists named Jack, Eric, Dave, Johnny, Frank, and Alan, adding from drums to tenor sax.

In fact, the Voice was so new that Mr. Baverstock appeared to have forgotten its name. However, it turned out to be Derek Winston Clarkson, which, on account of you can get all that much on a gramophone label, is about to be presented to the great British public as Johnny Carson.

And a very nice young man, too—18-year-old son of an ex-Indian Army major, soberly dressed in sports jacket and flannels, brown shoes polished, finger-nails clean, hair cut.

Born at Allahabad, did well at English and geography, played right back at soccer, won a youth boxing championship for Enfield started singing when he stood in for his brother, who had a cold at an audition 18 months ago.

First-ever

Yes, said Derek (meaning Johnny), this was his first-ever recording session. No, he did not feel nervous. Well, not very much.

With these salient details on the books for posterity, we all went down to Mr. Baverstock's vault to hear Johnny sing. Fraulein and knock 'em in the old Shaftesbury Avenue.

The Voice removed its coat. The new era was at hand, the world stood still, and Jak felt over a guitar—giving us that precious but homely incident by which all great moments are so often remembered. Like William the Conqueror burning the cakes at Runnymede.

They put Johnny behind a big glass screen, and not a bad idea, either. The band stopped talking about Manchester United. The engineer loosened his yellow tie. We stepped over a set of golf clubs and into the control room. This was it.

"Bugs of guitar, Dave!" yelled somebody. Dave gave us bags of guitar. Jack contributed dollops of drum, lights flashed, knobs twirled, needles wobbled, and Johnny, with sweetness, soul, and sincerity, sang for us the saga of his pretty fraulein on the banks of the Rhine.

It was lovely. It was also loud. However, as Mr. Baverstock pointed out, we were receiving rather more of Johnny on three giant loudspeakers than would the eager, insistent and demanding customers on their six-and-fourpence-worth of "pop single."

We dug that disc. At the end of an hour, we had come to know the German lady rather well. Quite intimately, in fact. We got three helpings, a couple of gurgling play-backs from a drowning cat called Ralph, and an assurance from Mr. Baverstock that another four or five attempts would have our Fraulein in pretty good shape and rarin' to go.

At the moment, she was lingering a little too long at two minutes, 55 seconds, could do with eight bars off her second verse, needed strengthening on top, and was a shade chunky round the middle. Ma loo.

But these were trifling technicalities. Given time, everything would be creamy, real, creamy. Johnny Carson had a voice that meant something. "Fraulein" would assuredly send them.

She assuredly sent Jak and me—hell-bent for the Bayswater Road.

George Whiting

—(London Express Service).

ELECTRONIC DETECTIVE

A QUIET, grey-haired man serving a sentence for safe-breaking at San Quentin Prison was "caught" by an electronic machine. Detectives were able to track him through his trick of hiding in a place of business until after closing hours.

After a series of such raids, California police ran 10,000 cards through an electronic processing machine at the state's crime laboratory.

The machine picked out a dozen safe breakers who specialised in this type of raid. The police rounded up the suspects, questioned them, and found their man.

'Crime pays'

This case history of electronic detective work is only one example of the many ways U.S. police departments are using new techniques to catch criminals.

Law-enforcement officers are worried over the steady rise in the crime rate each year. F.B.I. Chief J. Edgar Hoover has estimated that crime cost Americans nearly \$2,000 million last year.

A criminologist, Dr. Paul L. Kirk, of the University of California, dismisses the old notion that "crime doesn't pay."

"Crime in the U.S. is perhaps one of the biggest businesses in the world today," Dr. Kirk declared.

To meet this problem, study courses in new crime-fighting techniques are being taken by police scientists at special training "centres" throughout the country. Some states are making this specialised training mandatory for all policemen.

—(London Express Service).

TALKING POINTS

The spoken word has been a mighty factor in the past. But it is not enough. We must have the written word daily.

—ERNEST BEVIN.

The worst thing you can possibly do to a woman is to deprive her of a grievance.

—BEVERLEY NICHOLS.

The knowledge of the ancient languages is mainly a luxury.

—JOHN BRIGHT.

QUOTE

By Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, talking in Addis Ababa about the future of Africa: "We believe that those new States that have already gained their independence should... solidify the main that liberty, like charity, begins at home."

—(London Express Service).



"They're giving me the old 'Angry Silence.'"

London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE

The Bistro Dress... the same rules apply as when seeking a really good restaurant...

AS its name implies, the Bistro Dress isn't a dressed-up dress. The French bistro is a restaurant where the food is excellent and nobody has wasted money on frills.

The Bistro Dress, similarly good value and conspicuously unfussy, is one that finds itself naturally at home in such surroundings—at ease and relaxed, where satins and lace would be fussily out of place.

At its most typical—and most useful—the Bistro is a two-piece dress with a loose, pin-simple top, collarless and short-sleeved, over a straight or slightly gathered skirt.

The two-piece look is sometimes a trompe-l'œil—top is invisibly and individually anchored to skirt. What is no illusion is the comfort of a formula that combines the best of both suit and dress-worlds.

Top Bistro-Dress material is jersey, sometimes plain, sometimes a combination of knitted top with woven jersey skirt. Or for winter and spring plain lightweight wool for summer linen fabrics or firm silk.

It has a mixed ancestry. It owes much to Chanel, perhaps the first couturier to grasp the meaning of the word "casual," it owes even more to Balenciaga, with his declaration of meaningless detail and his preference for a loose, pared-down line.

No clutter

IT is not, however, to be confused with the Good Basic Dress—that tedious white elephant which, claim its sponsors, can be made to work right round the clock for you, barring only a very grand ball, but which devours in the process three times its own value in the way of aggressive hats and white kid gloves, of pearls and important brooches, of frilly white flowers and silky cocktail shoes—without which props it is merely a boringly neutral garment.

FOR THE BUSY GIRL



BISTRO DRESS No. 2—the one that a girl with plenty of hours in her working day might go for. Tunic, top and skirt—true separate this time—are made in dark grey firm jersey, not the thin kind that sag and stretch, and this skirt is fully lined to keep its shape. The top has above-elbow sleeves, a plain round neck and four pocket-naps; the skirt is lightly gathered. For a working day, the girl in the picture adds a 'Scotts classic pull-on' hat in pale grey, long French gloves in fine grey suede, washable. The bistro dress comes in navy (try a white pull-on hat, white gloves) or beige. By Susan Small.

FOR DAYS AT HOME



BISTRO DRESS No. 3—for the girl in a mood to relax and look graceful. This version, characteristically round-necked and short-sleeved, has a separate top with one buttoned patch-pocket; the skirt is fully lined and lightly gathered into a firm waistband. The fabric is washable Courville, in a very pale hyacinth blue, or lilac, silver grey, beige, or lime green. For those who feel there's no substitute, it is also made in lightweight wool or jersey, and the same colours.

Rupert and the Windies—39



Santa Claus tells Pong-Ping to thank his express dragon for its splendid work and when the huge creature has retired the little Pele goes to comfort it and give it permission to go home to China. Then all is activity. The frightened reindeer is fed and groomed and

hitched up to its companion with some new harness. The huge sleigh is examined and all its baggage is checked. "Now then," calls the old gentleman as he takes his seat. "Where are Rupert and Pong-Ping? Everything's ready for them."

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Picture by Terence Donovan.

BISTRO DRESS SUMMER VERSION

BISTRO DRESS No. 1—a summery version made in mustard-coloured fabric that looks like linen but doesn't crease the way linen does. The tunic top is loosely button-belted over a straight skirt—to which it is firmly anchored—and both top and skirt are fully lined in silk. More practically, you can choose it in deep grey or dark olive green. The girl wearing it learnt her air of thoughtless relaxation at Chanel in Paris, where she models most of the time.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Songs And Calls

—How Enrico Canary Gets His Food And Bath—

By MAX TRELL

"ENRICO! What are the words of the song you were just singing?"

Henrid, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name, had been listening to Enrico Canary as he stood on his perch in his cage and warbled and trilled a song. She had stood by the cage, listening.

Beautiful song

"It was a beautiful song, Enrico," Henrid said. "But what are the words? Won't you please tell me."

Enrico hopped close to the bars of the cage. He chirped something.

"What's that?" asked Henrid. "I can't understand you."

At that moment Henrid's brother Knarf came into the room.

After Henrid had explained to him that she was trying to find out the words to Enrico's beautiful song, Knarf said:

"I know how to make him speak English."

Silver ribbon

Then Knarf reached behind the bookcase and took down a length of silver ribbon hanging on a hook. When the ribbon was looped over Enrico's throat, the Canary at once began talking in English.

"So you think that there are words to the song I just sang?" he asked in a cheerful voice. "To tell you the truth, there aren't any at all. It's just a lot of tra-la-las."

Henrid said she was disappointed to hear this.

He's right

"There's nothing to be disappointed about," said Enrico. "Many songs have no words. I heard the teakettle singing on the stove last night. It was a very pretty little song, bubbling and whistling and all that. But there weren't any words to it."

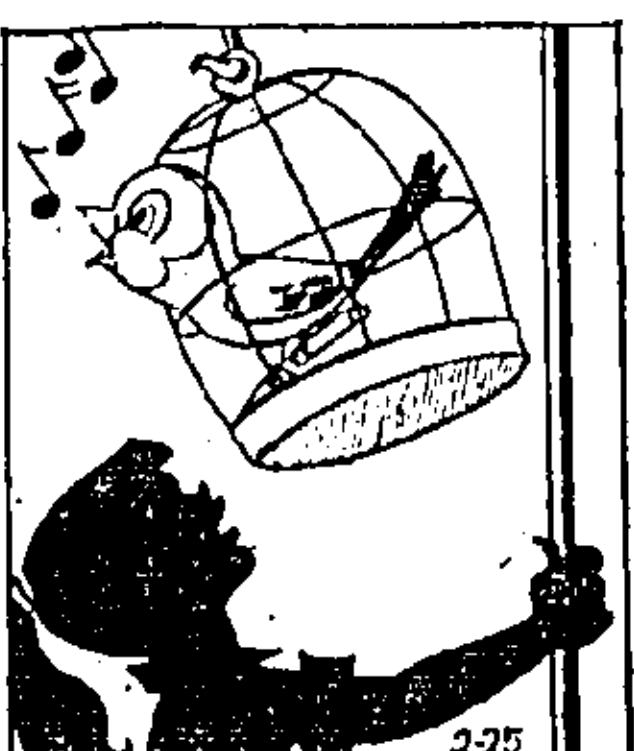
"Enrico is right," Knarf said.

He reminded his sister that Father often sang while he was taking a shower.

"He never has any words to his bath-song, either, just tra-la-las," said Knarf.

"Yes," agreed Henrid. But she shook her head and said, "I wasn't right for songs not to have words."

"The Children sing songs and they all have words like—"



Henrid stood by the cage, listening to Enrico's singing.

"Sing a song of sixpence A pocket full of rye, and—"

"Way down upon the Suwannee River Far, far away."

"So I don't see, Enrico," continued Henrid, "why your songs can't have words, too."

Words for calls

"Well," said Enrico, "that's how it is. But my calls are different. That's when I do use words."

Knarf and Henrid both asked Enrico what he meant by calls.

"For instance," said Enrico, "suppose I felt like taking a bath. I can't just take a bath in my water-dish. I need my tub. Somebody has to hook it on my cage. So I call out:

"Bath! Bath! Get me my tub! My tub! My tub! My bath! My bath! Can you hear me?"

"And," Enrico went on, "if I notice that my food-dish is getting empty, I call out:

"Hungry! Hungry! Hungry! Get me food! Get me food! Are you going to let me starve?"

They have words

"Yes, my calls have words, all right!" said Enrico Canary.

"But, Enrico," said Henrid, "how can anyone understand you?"

Enrico gave a merry little chirp.

"I don't know how they do it, but they do just the same. They give me my bath. They give me my food. Look!" he said. "I feel like taking a bath right now. I'm going to call out."

And he did—and he got his bath, even though Henrid had taken the magic talking-ribbon away, before he called!

"ONE WIFE" LAW.

By GORDON HUNG

The Women's Charter prepares the way for a dramatic change in Singapore society.

THE crusading leftwing People's Action Party Government has struck a blow for the rights of women in Singapore by giving them a new deal under their Women's Charter.

The revolutionary changes that the Charter brings about will have a profound effect on Singapore society.

Better known as the "one wife" law, the bill has already changed the lives of hundreds of men and women here, and before the end of the year the matrimonial status of something like 200,000 people will be put down in black and white.

The new law, which aims at abolishing polygamy amongst all non-Muslims, also gives married women certain rights.

band and wife in ownership and running of the matrimonial household.

Real merit

The Women's Charter is very much more than a bill to abolish polygamy. The real merit and scope of the bill is that it makes the wife a partner in marriage, and no longer as by certain customs, a chattel.

There may be some very far-reaching consequences; the possibilities certainly are there. The wife who is tired of a drunken husband will be able to find relief and support through divorce instead of—by custom—having to put up with him.

It is improbable that the Charter will suddenly create numbers of career women, or send wives into an orbit of social activity of which the husband may disapprove but will be unable, as before, to forbid.

Only gradually will wives who are not already emancipated be likely to realise and act upon their rights under this charter.

Singapore women, ranging from the wives of millionaires to humble labourers have welcomed the Charter which makes their married lives secure.

The 46-year-old wife of a junk owner said: "I was married according to Chinese rites 25 years

ago. I am looking forward to 'getting married' again at the Registry."

The first wife of a Singapore taipan with three wives said: "This law will keep my husband out of more mischief. Am I happy? I never thought a day would come when the Government would help me to control that husband of mine."

Other side

On the other side of the board, concubines and second wives of rich taipans are demanding cash settlements from the "husbands."

A 25-year-old concubine said that the Bill was a "growing success for the first wives who had bullied and insulted their younger sisters all these years."

"The first wife will get the cake and icing, and we will get only the crumbs," she said.

Interrupting, I asked: "Does not the Bill put an end to the exploitation of women by men?"

She replied that the proposed law could not be very effective, as it did not make allowances for man's tendency to be polygamous.

"Men always have brainwaves to by-pass the laws."

"The difference between a legal wife and a mistress is that one gets her share of the estate after the husband's death and the other before death."

WHAT'S NEW IN THE U.S.A.

LAMP, electric clocks, radios, hi-fi sets, extension cords and other fixtures now can have wiring to match the decor of homes, offices and restaurants. The new wiring comes in a variety of patterns and solid shades and will not crack or peel.

New frozen prepared dinners cater to both plain and fancy tastes. For simple tastes, old-fashioned meat loaf with whipped potatoes and buttered peas, and chopped steak with mushroom gravy, lyonnaise potatoes and peas and carrots. The fancier dinner features fish fillets in white wine sauce with potato puffs and French-cut green beans.

Apple syrup with the piquant flavour of fresh sweet cider is intended for use with waffles and pancakes, but also makes a basic for ham, pork and poultry. It's prepared by a special patented process from concentrated apple juice, natural essences of apple, and cane sugar, and is currently available in the New York metropolitan area.

One-inch-square party crisps and short, pencil-thin party sticks—both potato products—are designed for nibbling or dipping. Pretzels have gone high hat, both in flavour and shape. Thumb-nail-size oval pretzels are available in plain, caraway, and a mild cheese flavour. Fluffy puppy snacks, about the same size, are made with meal base and a smoky, onion flavour.

Smoked mullet and smoked mackerel spreads also are recommended for dipping.

Packaged party dips come in 3 flavours—steamed onion, cheddar cheese and blue cheese. They can be reconstituted with either milk or sour cream.

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

MONDAY, MARCH 28

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Accept an invitation to the theatre with alacrity. You will enjoy a quite unusual evening.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): If you have been able to obtain advice from a friend and have followed it with success, don't forget to express your appreciation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): In your marital relationship don't take anything for granted. Good manners contribute more than you may realise to the success of a marriage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you give your assistants a chance to get on and advance their positions, you will see a decided improvement in the quality of their work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): If somebody is trying to involve you in a very personal affair, be wary and make sure you really want to get drawn into it.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Some unexpected obstacles may temporarily hamper your progress, but if you curb your impatience you will get over them more easily.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Confronted with an unfamiliar problem involving two alternatives, you will find the answer in the ad-

vice of a disinterested but sincere person.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Remain good-natured in the face of an unexpected set-back, and you will find willing helpers among your family and friends.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A friendly atmosphere is essential to contentment in a job. Be sure to provide it for those in your charge.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Before finally deciding on a certain course of action, postpone the final decision for a day or two, as an unexpected development may necessitate a change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): If you are quite certain of exactly what you are after, you will be more likely to have your own way when discussing some important future plans.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): You have a great deal to offer in the way of sympathetic understanding of other people's problems, and should not refrain from giving the benefit of this gift to those who approach you for advice.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If your birthday is this week, you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of a set of china.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WOULD you double four spades if you held the East cards? Sure you would! Would you set it? Maybe so but this East didn't.

West opened the ace of clubs and continued the suit. Dummy's king won the trick and the four of trumps was led. East played the eight and South the ten and from this point on there was no defence to beat the hand.

South led a heart. West rose with the ace and led a fourth club. Dummy ruffed with the six. East overruled with the nine and South with the ace of diamonds. Three rounds of diamonds came next with dummy ruffing

NORTH			
♠ 7042			
♥ KQ976			
♦ A2			
♣ K3			
WEST			
♠ None			
♥ A3			
♦ 1085			
♣ AJ109876			
EAST			
♠ QJ983			
♥ 1082			
♦ Q43			
♣ Q4			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ AK105			
♥ KJ976			
♦ 32			
♣ 32			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
2 ♣	3 ♣	4 ♣	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ A			

the third lead with the deuce of trumps.

Two rounds of hearts followed. South discarded a diamond and on the third heart lead overruled East's jack of trumps with the king. Now he led his last diamond and ruffed with dummy's seven. East overruled but South's five of trumps was now good for the contract trick.

How could East have set the hand? He could have played the three on the first trump lead. South could still have made the hand by playing the five spot but I wonder if he would have?

♥CARD Sense♦

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 N.T.	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 N.T.	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	6 N.T.	Pass

You, South, hold:

AKJ54 ♠ A106432 AKQ32

What do you do?

A ♠ Pass. There obviously is something missing for the grand slam and your partner has taken the responsibility of playing no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner opens one diamond. You, South, hold:

AA ♠ AK1098 ♠ A Q65432

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

Sing Tao 3. KMB 2 CHOW KIT'S GLORIOUS GOAL

Sam Snead wins Desoto Lakes golf tourney

Bradenton, Mar. 27.
Sam Snead picked up three strokes on the final nine holes today and won the 40,000 dollar Desoto Lakes Open Golf Tournament with a 72-hole total of 277.

Jerry Barber, who started the day with a two-stroke lead, held his margin through the first nine of the final round, but carded a par 71 to Snead's 68 and wound up in second place at 277.

Dow Finsterwald took third money with 278.

Snead collected \$5,200. Barber's winnings were \$3,400 and Finsterwald won \$2,200.—AP.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 11th Race Meeting 1959/60 to be held on Saturday, 9th and Sunday, 16th April, 1960, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 20th March, 1960.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

11TH RACE MEETING

First Day—9th April, 1960.

The following conditions for 1960 Ponies for the above race meeting, entries for which close at NOON on Tuesday, 29th March, are announced:—

1960 PONIES (1st Day)—(RACE A).—WARWICK STAKES.—Winner \$5,000. Second \$3,000. Third \$2,250. For Ponies of 1960 which have won \$3,000 but not more than \$8,000 in stake money. Weight 140 lbs. Winners of more than \$3,000 in stake money, 145 lbs. Winner 5 lbs. penalty. Entrance \$10. SIX FURLONGS.

(1st Day) (RACE B).—WILTS STAKES.—Winner \$5,000. Second \$3,000. Third \$2,250. For Ponies of 1960 which have won \$3,000 but not more than \$8,000 in stake money. Weight 140 lbs. Winners of more than \$3,000 in stake money, 145 lbs. Winner 5 lbs. penalty. Entrance \$10. FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND & IN (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Note.—ENTRIES MUST BE FOR ONE RACE ONLY.

(1st Day) (RACE A).—In Entry Form shown in the penultimate column.

DORSET STAKES.—Winner \$5,000. Second \$3,000. Third \$2,250. For Ponies of 1960 which have not won more than \$3,250 in stake money. Weight 142 lbs. Winner 5 lbs. penalty. Entrance \$10. FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND & IN (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Note.—ENTRIES MUST BE FOR ONE RACE ONLY.

(1st Day) (RACE B).—In Entry Form shown in the last column.

NOTTINGHAM STAKES.—Winner \$5,000. Second \$3,000. Third \$2,250. For Ponies of 1960 which have not won more than \$3,250 in stake money. Weight 142 lbs. Winner 5 lbs. penalty. Entrance \$10. FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND & IN (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Note.—ENTRIES MUST BE FOR ONE RACE ONLY.

A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th Mar., 1960.

Last-minute counter gives Tigers a well deserved win over jaded Busmen

By I. M. MacTAVISH

A spectacular goal scored by inside-right Chow Kit with practically the last kick of the game gave Sing Tao a narrow but thoroughly deserved victory over Kowloon M. or Bus in an entertaining first division soccer match played at the Club Stadium yesterday.

The terrier-like Tigers emerged triumphant by three goals to two after as virile a struggle as even these effervescent young men have put up this season.

When Chow Kit sent his winning shot flashing into the net four goals had already been scored. All of them were directly attributable to poor goal-keeping but whatever his other faults Wai Fat-kim had not the ghost of a chance with the counter that meant two precious points for relegation-threatened Sing Tao.

The once glamorous Busmen will want to forget this outing as soon as they can. They were a ragged, third-rate lot and although they came within a fraction of getting a point they never really deserved such a reward.

No matter what their forward line tried it went wrong through poor passing and inaccurate shooting. Lee Tai-fai had a shocking game. His kick of the pace slowed up the rest of the forwards and even when the KMB officials tried every possible front rank permutation in the second half the Kowloon boys seldom looked like scoring.

Disappointment

Quite apart from their own failings they ran into a massed Sing Tao defence which lived up to its tigerish reputation in the closing stages. . . . In fact I thought they gave too much consideration to failing back on defence. If they had continued to play their usual attacking game I believe their victory would have been more decisive.

For a long time they held a 2-1 lead and as the game progressed well into the second half it looked as though they would be the measure of their victory. Just at their greatest moment came their bitterest disappointment.

It happened well through the second half. KMB made a loose attack through the middle and, after being repelled several times by the anxious clear-ancest Tigers, the ball broke back to Chow Shiu-hung. He half hit it towards Kwong Kwok-lap's right-hand post. Sing Tao goalkeeper seemed to think the ball was going outside and made only a half-hearted attempt to get to it.

Man of match

Great grounds of consternation went up from spectators and Tigers alike as the ball trundled slowly in at the post. The grounds, however, were almost drowned in the sighs of relief from KMB. . . . short of such a gift it seemed pretty doubtful if they would ever have scored. This slip apart, Kwong Kwok-lap did very well and he got tremendous support from every colleague from right-back to left-half.

If Fung Kee-wun took the top defensive honours it was probably because of his

greater opportunity to shine for he was opposed to strong persistent Lau Kai-chu and his success against the big centre-forward just about made him the man of the match.

He was pushed for his honour by Lee Tak-tung who has never worked harder or played with greater determination than he did in this vital game. The lanky winger was out in attack one minute and back assisting the defence the next and his first-half goal is one he will remember with pride for a long time to come.

Most promising

However, the Tigers' attack was not a one-man affair. They had the game's speed merchant in Lau Woon-ching, the ball artist of the afternoon in Chow Kit, and two tireless workers in Fung Kee-leung and Tsang Keng-kong.

In strict contrast to the enthusiasm of Sing Tao was the oh, so casual 'we-can-win-when-we-like' attitude of the Busmen who—individually and collectively—are nowadays playing almost exclusively on their past reputation.

Wai Fat-kim was once again very lax when both the first and second Sing Tao goals were scored. The KMB fullbacks and Lau Tim defended well but Law Fat injured himself during the second half and lost a bit of his mobility.

Looking at the game superficially one got the impression that wing-half Leung Kit and Yeung Kwok-kit were doing very well but a closer examination showed that both of them were much better in attack. . . . And if ever a group of forwards needed support it was the quintet in KMB colours yesterday.

Luk Man-wai was the most promising member of the Busmen's front line but he got scant support from Lee Tai-fai.

Foolish goal

In the middle, Lau Kai-chu played as hard as he always does and it was no fault of his that his side went down to defeat. The right-wing pairing of Kwan King-sun and Chow Shiu-hung was not a profitable combination and neither of them did anything to set the place on fire.

The playing pitch at the Club Stadium was in very poor condition and in parts it looked as though the Colony's rugby enthusiasts had been digging for the Blarney Stone on Saturday instead of playing for a trophy of the same name.

The first real thrill came after five minutes when Lee Tak-tung had a fine shot tipped over the bar, but although the Tigers were having the bulk of

the play they lost a foolish goal in the 11th minute. . . . ball was lobbed goalwards. Goalkeeper Kwong made no effort to get to it: his colleagues showed the same lack of concern and unmarked Lau Kai-chu had the easiest possible task in turning the gift into a goal.

There were chances in quick succession at both ends but they were wasted and it was not until the 25th minute that Sing Tao equalised.

Right-winger Lau Woon-ching sent a beautiful lob across the face of the goal. Wai Fat-kim failed to intercept and the ball travelled along the line almost to the opposite corner flag. Lee Tak-tung gave chase and from a spot close to the line somehow contrived to screw a twisting lob into the net off the far post. . . . with Wai Fat-kim still rooted to the goal line.

Having grabbed the equaliser it took the young Sing Tao side only six minutes to snatch the lead. Fung Kee-leung called the ball to the left, sent a high lob to the far side of the goal, and Lau Woon-ching headed a fine goal. . . . but where oh where was the KMB goalkeeper?

Missed chances

Sing Tao should have increased their lead before the interval but twice through over-cautiousness they failed to snap up good chances.

The second half was a long dull struggle in which the Sing Tao defenders took everything the KMB side could throw at them. The Busmen made switches galore without claiming any success and when they did the centre-backs upset them. They fought back gamely and Wai Fat-kim had to look very lively to stop a good try from Tsang Keng-kong.

There were only seconds left for play when the crowd got real closing thrills. Tsang Keng-kong moved the ball along the left wing and finished with a fine cross to the far side of the penalty area. Chow Kit was in perfect position and while the defenders hesitated he brought the ball under control before smashing a glorious drive into the net. A magnificent climax to an enjoyable game.

VERDICT: Victory went to the side that deserved it. The Busmen have many problems if they are to recapture their previous position in Colony football. Well done. . . . the Tigers.

The teams

Sing Tao: Kwong Kwok-lap, Lee Tak-tung, Lui Ping-yiu, Cheung Mal-chi, Fung Kee-wun, Cheung Chi-man, Lau Woon-ching, Chow Kit, Fung Kee-leung, Tsang Keng-kong, Lee Tak-tung.
KMB: Wai Fat-kim, Law Pak, Chan Kwok-lun, Leung Kit, Lau Tim, Yeung Kwok-kit, Kwan King-sun, Chow Shiu-hung, Lau Kai-chu, Lee Tai-fai, Luk Man-wai.
Referee: Mr F. Prattlett.

MOSS HAS A DATE WITH WIFE KATIE

Nassau, Mar. 27.

British race driver Stirling Moss and his pretty wife, Katie, who have said their marriage may be headed for a breakup, had a date together today.

Moss, who competed in the Sebring endurance race this weekend, met Mrs Moss at the British Colonial hotel. They drove off together in a car to visit friends, and said they would be at their Camperdown Heights home tonight.

Moss appeared irritated when he saw newsmen waiting for him at the airport. He said he was glad Katie was not

there and that he could meet her privately.

Moss said he may grant an interview, probably on Monday, before leaving for London the same day.

Mrs Moss said she overleapt and thus did not meet her husband's plane.

Earlier she told newsmen: "We're still very good friends. He's the best friend I have in the world."—AP.

Olympic year makes this year's Varsity Boat Race of special interest

By VERNON MORGAN

A week from today, in the late afternoon for a change, (1615 GMT) Oxford and Cambridge Universities will do battle in their annual boat race over the customary course on the River Thames, starting at Putney and finishing at Mortlake, a distance of four miles 374 yards.

This year's race, of special interest because it is Olympic year, is being called "The Battle of the Blades" for both crews are experimenting with oars on this occasion instead of with "rigging or styles."

Oxford have light oars with short wide blades which have been variously dubbed as "bats," "spades" and "shovels." The overall area of the blade is the same but, with shorter inches in width, they have a different grip of the water at the start of the stroke.

They have already proved their value, according to coach "Jumbo" Edwards, in all types of water and will be used in the race itself, as during practice.

Cambridge have gone to the other extreme. They have sub-normal blades of only six inches in width. They have been streamlined, and contain a small hole in the middle with a short rubber tube on the outside to pass the water through to the back.

Will the thick or the thin blades prove the more successful?

Coaching difference

While the winning crew will undoubtedly feel that the oars have had something to do with victory, it is really the man that wields it that matters even if he does get some help from his blade.

There is also a difference in the crews in the matter of coaching. Oxford think that "too many coaches spoil the crew," and Jumbo Edwards, former Blue and successful coach last year, has had virtual control before smashing a glorious drive into the net. A magnificent climax to an enjoyable game.

VERDICT: Victory went to the side that deserved it. The Busmen have many problems if they are to recapture their previous position in Colony football. Well done. . . . the Tigers.

The Dark Blues have decided that the "Banana Boat" design, which was successfully used last year, is right and so their new one is of the same type with a curved shell.

The Light Blues, who have generally stuck to the orthodox in everything they have done, as well they might, considering their general supremacy over the past two decades, have a shell of the same design as they have rowed in for many years.

Both Oxford and Cambridge have almost entirely new eights from last year, when Oxford scored an easy six lengths win—only their fourth since the second World War.

One American

This brought the tally to: Cambridge 58 wins, Oxford 46 wins with one dead heat in 1877.

Oxford have only two members of last year's winning crew. D. C. Rutherford, their new President, who rows at six and A. T. Lindsay who is at four.

Cambridge have three of last year's losing eight, G. H. Brown, their new president, at four, J. H. Owen, son of their coach Dr. Raymond Owen, at bow, and J. Beveridge at six.

Oxford have one American in their boat, the 22-year-old Townsend Swayze at three. Otherwise both crews are all-British for a change.

Swayze was captain of the Harvard crew which won the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley last year. He then rowed bow. Cambridge have five members of the Lady Margaret Boat Club in their crew, and three from Shrewsbury School. Lady Margaret won the Ladies' Plate at Henley last year and the winning stroke on that occasion, P. W. Holmes, has the task of striking the Light Blues on Saturday.

Cambridge supporters point to the fact that the last time

they had five members of Lady Margaret Boat Club in the boat, in 1951, they won by 12 lengths. The previous year they had six from this college, including Tony Armstrong-Jones as cox, and also won.

Will the third time prove lucky? Cambridge have never been favourites for this year's race. Their rivals started the season looking much the better crew. Cambridge improved and until they reached the tidalway (the Thames) were given a sporting chance by the experts.

Sing, then, however, virtue of their better showing in their trials and outing, the Dark Blues have again become strong favourites to win the race in successive years, which they have not succeeded in doing since 1937-38.

Winners for Rome?

Both teams are eager to do well this year because of the Olympics. It might well be that the winning crew is chosen to represent Britain in the eights at Rome, though if Oxford win, a substitute would be needed for the American Swayze.

It is certain that those oarsmen catching the eye of the selectors on Saturday will be earmarked for the Olympic eight, though rowing over 2,600 metres in fresh and comparatively still water is a far different matter from a row of over four miles on a tidal river.

Reuter.

Johansson versus Patterson bout on June 22

Goteborg, Mar. 27.

The return match between heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson and Floyd Patterson was definitely set for June 22 in New York following a meeting tonight of the titleholder and his advisors.

"The contract signing will take place soon in New York," said Edwin Ahlquist, the champion's advisor. "Only a few minor details remain."

Ahlquist added he agreed on almost all points with Thomas Bolan, Treasurer of Feature Sports which holds the return bout contract. Bolan arrived here today from New York.

UPI.

VERDICT ON THE 'CRUEL' GRAND NATIONAL RACE

Liverpool, Mar. 26.

Mr R. A. Butler, the Home Secretary, and officials of various animal protection societies today watched the Grand National to see for themselves what truth there is to charges that the race is unnecessarily cruel.

The race, held at nearby Aintree race course, was won by Merryman II, a horse owned by Miss Winifred Wallace of Edinburgh. Although she had no bets on her winner, the race brought her a total of \$13,134 in winnings.

Mr Butler agreed to attend this year's race following protests to Parliament over last year's running, when only four out of 34 runners finished the four-and-a-half mile course—generally considered to be one of the toughest in the world. A total of two horses had to be killed last year—compared to one this year.

Mr Butler himself declined comment to reporters on the race. But a home office spokesman quoted him as

saying it seemed to be a good race.

Mr Butler and his wife both placed "modest bets on the outcome, but . . . to say whether or not they had won, "He was glad to see on the course there had been a few modifications since last year with regard to the approaches to the fence," the spokesman added.

But he said "Mr Butler, as Home Secretary, could not take part in any issues on the Grand National—which were, in fact, the responsibility of the Stewards, the owners of the course, and the Stewards of the National Hunt Committee.

Statement

The executive committee of the League against Cruel Sports issued a statement saying: "There was a definite and discernible slowing down of the pace of this race, obviously calculated to avoid the killing of any horse. The winner's time was considerably longer than any Grand National winner's time in recent years."

The League's veterinary officer, one of 12 League observers to view the race, said: "In spite of the slowing down, the race was very gruelling, and there were far too many falls, especially at Becher's Brook. "Those horses finished did so in pretty fair condition, obviously because they had been held in."

The day's events began with a bomb scare. A police search was carried out after anonymous cards and letters had been received warning that bombs would be planted around the course unless the National were stopped or modified.

Police decided the messages were a hoax.

About 50 animal lovers also staged a two-mile demonstration march through the streets of Liverpool in protest against the running.—China Mail Special.

FARELF boxing finals tomorrow

The Finals of the Far East Inter Unit Boxing will be held at McPherson Stadium, Kowloon, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29.

Competing teams are 1 Cheetham, winners of Malaysia and Singapore District Competitions and 1 Royal Tank Regt who defeated 1 Lancashire by the odd point in the exciting Land Forces Final a fortnight ago.

Entry is restricted to those who have received invitations from the Land Forces Sport Board and to all members of the Regular Armed Forces, the Hong-kong Defence Force and Hongkong Police. Entry is free.

At the conclusion of the match prizes will be presented by Brig D. D. M. McCready DSO OBE, Commander 49 Gurkha Inf Bde Group. The Band of 1st Bn The Cheshire Regiment will be in attendance.

Welshman wins European boxing title

Dortmund, Mar. 27.
Dick Richardson, of Wales, won the vacant European heavyweight boxing title when the referee stopped his fight with Hans Kalbfell, of West Germany, in the 15th round of their scheduled 15-round fight here tonight.—Reuter.

Pills for Britain's Rome Games athletes—to prevent stomach trouble

London, Mar. 27.
British athletes taking part in the Olympic Games in Rome this summer may be given pills to keep them from having stomach trouble, it was learned here today.

Dr H. B. May, Director of the clinical laboratories at the London Hospital, told Reuter that tests were now being carried out under his supervision to determine whether the pills—which prevent stomach disorders usually associated with changes of diet—can be safely administered without impairing the team's performance.

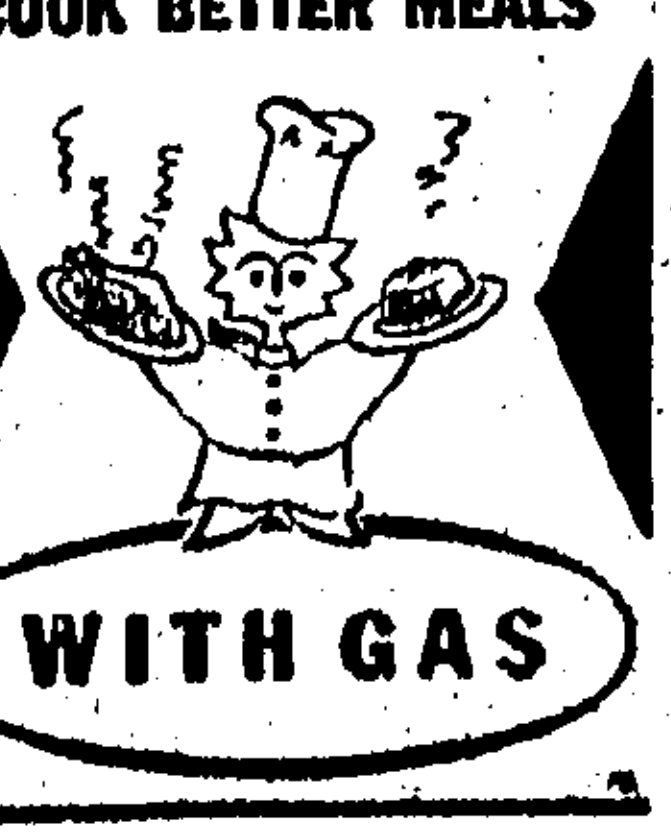
These tests, he added, are now being conducted with the help of 20 men from the London Hospital Rugby Club acting as human "guinea pigs."

The pills are not "pep" pills or energy pills of any sort, it

was emphasised. "The pills are solely to prevent outbreaks of stomach disorders that so often affect people making an extensive change of diet. The drug involved, streptocid, is a well-known one, Dr May said.

The tests were begun following reports that members of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Cardiff in 1958 suffered stomach troubles resulting from food they ate during a stop on the flight enroute to Britain.

THE GAMBOLS



WEEKEND RUGBY

2ND NEW ZEALAND REGIMENT SCORE EASY VICTORY IN FARELF INTER-UNIT FINAL

32nd Medium 'B' win seven-a-side shield

By PAK LO

Playing beautiful rugby on Saturday afternoon, despite the heavy conditions, the 2nd New Zealand Regiment from Malaya easily defeated the local 1st Lancashire Regiment in the FARELF Inter-Unit Knockout Competition by 14 points (one goal, three tries) to 3 (one penalty goal).

In the evening the 32nd Medium 'B' team won the seven-a-side Final as convincingly as they had won every game during the evening, beating the biggest surprise Finalists the tournament had ever known, the Wayfoong Wallabies, by 19 points (two goals, three tries) to nil.

At the end of the Inter-Unit Knockout Competition, the trophy was handed over to Perry, the captain of the New Zealand Regiment XV by Col. I. R. Ferguson-Jones, O.B.E., and following the Stevens the Blarney Stone Shield, the cup for the runners-up, the Pen-tangular Tournament Trophy, and the '31' Trophy were presented to the respective winners by Mrs. T. McMeekin, wife of the Chairman of the HKRU.

Before and during the matches the Band of the 1st Bn. The Cheshire Regiment played to the delight of the large crowd.

Incidentally, it is reported that before the major Colony match on Thursday, which is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. on the Club ground, the Band of the Cheshire with their Corps of Drums will beat the retreat on the same ground.

This spectacle should combine well with the big match of the evening and is expected to draw the crowds in large numbers. The beating of the Retreat will start at 7.25 p.m. sharp and spectators wanting a good seat for both this and the Colony game should get there early.

1st Lancs v. 2nd NZ Regiment

The New Zealanders came on wearing their usual black garb, and caught the spirit of the crowd with their expressive "Haka".

The game as expected was a foregone conclusion, but three things kept the New Zealanders from scoring at a higher rate. These three in their order were the weather, Gartland and V. Davies.

The weather slowed them up considerably, yet their handling was truly magnificent, and their covering very good. To strengthen their attack the New Zealanders had their full-back Thompson, who played an immaculate game, coming up to make one extra man. The wing-three joined in as started off, and the real start-off became a centre-three, to make the second extra man.

Crowded the wings

These tactics were at fault on a day like this, for the New Zealanders crowded their wings, giving the Lancs a chance to stop them. And stop them they did, while Davies, playing his smooth defensive game hammered the touch line.

Had the hand-off used the kick up the centre they would have fared even better, but even then the pressure turned out to be too much for the Lancs.

Of the New Zealanders, Nathan (in his Number 16 jersey) was outstanding with his fast running and his neat breaks. He got plenty of support from the other three, especially Blake, while the two halves Blyth and McAndrew gave immaculate service.

In the forwards Perry and McCutcheon caught the eye in the loose, while Brown was for ever a danger in the loose.

The Lancs tackled like demons in their attempt to stop the New Zealanders. Gartland played the game of his life, and like Davies, was always turning up when most needed. Davies' positioning was very good, and helped him save his side from many a score.

Woodward at full-back, threw himself into tackles with the ferocity of a tiger, but his positioning was sometimes at fault. In the forwards, Conery played well in the loose, and Pettifield made the New Zealanders shudder by being in the line-outs, while Conery did the same in the scrums.

The referee kept a tight rein on a game which had loads of spirit, and could at times have become ugly but for his fine handling.

The first score came in the third minute when after a lot of misguided middles, kicking the Lancs were awarded a penalty for offside on the ten-

yard line. Woodward came up and converted with a terrific kick that was still rising as it passed over the bar, 3-0. New Zealand pressed strongly after this but a spurge of penalties kept them at bay, especially when allied with Davies' boot.

Then from the halfway line a penalty to the Kiwis sent the three away on a run to a position deep inside the Lancs 25. A quick heel and the ball swung out to Niall. Niall broke through and when challenged passed out to Johnson who scored in the corner. Thompson's kick fell just short, 3-3.

Score again

The New Zealanders maintained the pressure except for one brief period, when the Lancs, led by Gartland and Davies attacked and forced a loose maul in front of the Kiwis posts less than ten yards from the line. Davies got the ball, and passed out but the pass was dropped and the Kiwis swept play upfield again.

Not until the 34th minute did the Kiwis score again. They forced a scrum ten yards from the Lancs line, heeled quickly and Nathan joined in the attack and broke through. He passed to McAndrew who in turn handed on to Blake to score half-way out.

Thompson narrowly missed the conversion, 6-3.

In the second half the New Zealanders made fuller use of their forwards in attack, sending them off on some dangerous forward rushes. Had they persevered longer with them they could have scored sooner or later, but instead with the Lancs fighting a losing battle, the New Zealanders picked up and passed out to their waiting three. This gave the Lancs the one chance they needed of stopping them with a strong tackle. With Thompson inclined to lie forward and thus induce the forward to let it bounce, Davies got it for him in the second bounce, and passed back to him for a kick to touch, but three forwards led by McCutcheon were up and simply ran over Woodward, taking the ball or over him at their feet. McCutcheon picked up and scored half way out. No conversion, 9-3.

Colony's match

Three minutes later the New Zealanders hammered the final nail in the coffin of the Lancs' hopes. From a lineout, five yards from the Lancs line, the ball was swung rapidly across the three to Nathan who scored in the corner. Thompson converted with a lovely kick, 14-3.

In a desperate attempt to pull back the score the Lancs opened the game up from their point of view, but in comparison their handling was weak and the attempt failed. The New Zealanders made in the last few seconds another spirited attack, but inability to draw their man completely and over-crowding at the wings provided the Lancs with an easy proposition.

The teams for the Colony sides have already been selected, and through there are one or two changes, the Colony "A" is still a strong side which will play a wide open game.

This should be quite a match this evening. The 2nd New Zealand Regiment is strengthened by the addition of a completely new pack. Thompson and Niall change places and this should increase the speed of the attack. The Colony "A" has a strong pack strengthened by anything by the inclusion of Dixon for Steven, and with Gartland probably coming in for Moore who will move to full-back in place of Hobbs, this is a very fast three. McDonald comes in for Davies, and McDonald is much more accomplished in attack than Davies who is best when on the defensive.

All in all this game at 8 p.m. tonight on the Club ground should be a really good one, but the New Zealanders have the smoother back division and should win.

Seven-a-side competition

There were surprises aplenty in the concluding games of the seven-a-side competition, but easily the biggest surprise was the effort of the Wayfoong Wallabies, the Bank's Portuguese seven, who started with little idea of the game and picked it up as they went.

They still lacked an inherent rugby sense but made up for this with their speed, their ability to pick up and make full use of the loose ball, and their determined tackling.

As they had little hope of winning the scrums they took the pressure off their men by switching forwards and thrives alternately. This unusual tactic paid dividends, for at the end of every game they were after and faster than their opponents. On their way to the Final they started with a surprise win over the 1st RNE. After facing a three-point deficit, Figureido got a loose ball and scored and M. Xavier converted.

Riot after a soccer match

Palermo, Mar. 27.

Rioting soccer fans clashed with Police today after a game in this Sicilian city.

Six of the rioters and four policemen were hospitalized with injuries. The riot broke out at the end of an Italian major league game between Palermo and Bologna. A number of fans, dissatisfied by the 0-0 final score, stormed onto the field and surrounded the referee, whom they accused of favouring the visiting team.

Police rescued the referee, but the crowd of fans continued to mill about.—A.P.

Then in the semi-final, Figureido again scored to lead for a few minutes until the major Wayfoong team led by Wingett equalised.

In the last minute M. Xavier again broke through and, following up a kick ahead, giving on the ball to score just before he, his tackle and the ball went over the dead-ball line.

In the Final the 32nd Medium, with their powerful forwards, led by McDonald and with McLean spurring away, won easily despite the cheers of the crowd for the underdogs.

Moral victory

But whatever the result of the Final, the moral victory lay with the Portuguese who played magnificently, and with some help from the Bank boys, could, with this inspiration, become a good XV in the future.

The 32nd Medium had much stiffer opposition on their way to the Final.

In the first game against Police the latter seemed dazzled by the power and strength of the attack and, with Lloyd playing as if he was behind a full XV, the 32nd easily broke through to win by 18 points to nil. The Police never knew what hit them.

In the next game, which really decided the final destination of the Blarney Stone Shield, the 32nd came up against their toughest opponents in the Gharukas. The Gharukas were without their speed merchant on the wing, and just could not break through. Towards the end of the second half with the 32nd five points in the lead, McDonald very sensibly reverted to putting the ball safely into touch. The Gharukas could find no answer against this.

As mentioned before the 32nd had no trouble in the Final in winning, but the speed of the Wallabies kept them in the game, and they could have broken through several times but lack of experience robbed them of a score.

Among the 32nd players Williams deserves mention for a magnificent series of games throughout the evening, and McDonald for his fine generalship in leading his team to a well deserved victory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rugger reports

Isn't it about time that Pak Lo was replaced by someone who either knows what he is writing about or is prepared not to make such sweeping and conceited statements and prejudiced omissions?

His "columns" (although he himself modestly (?) refers to them in the singular) in Saturday's China Mail, contained so many presumptuously incorrect forecasts that it would waste valuable space and time to enumerate them all. Suffice it to say that he could not have been more wrong in his prophecies on more than in his mention of the really deserving teams in the "Sevens"; id est, those that did get as far as the semi-finals.

The only hope for rugger enthusiasts is that Pak Lo lives up to his own code of honour and packs so low that he journalistically buries himself.

RIP.

YESTERDAY'S EXHIBITION SOFTBALL

Champion Cheyennes edge out Canadian Navy team in rather disappointing match

By OLLY VAS

In an exhibition softball game played at King's Park yesterday Robert Remedios' Cheyennes, this year's Senior league champions, edged out the visiting Canadian Naval Squadron 8-7.

Only one other match was played during the weekend. This was a Junior Knockout competition game in which the Giants emerged triumphant over the Pandas by 13-1.

The Saturday Knockout games were cancelled because of the poor condition of the playing field.

Only a few spectators turned up to watch the Canadians in action. The visitors, though "carrying the 'St Laurent' colours, were drawn from the three slugs in port and a surprise visitor after a twelve-year absence was the Canadian's coach, Ernie Tuttle of the "Crescent" fame—the same man who established a still-standing knockout record in local softball.

Backing first, the Canadians catcher Brian Nelson watched a third strike flash by as Cheyenne hurler David Malig tossed one right down the middle for Nelson to be called out.

Opening run

Mc Ribbons got on first via a walk, then Malig had a fielding choice on John O'Gorman's grounder. David relayed the ball to first-sacker Remedios and O'Gorman was thumbed out. Ribbons going to second on the play.

Dave Davidson swung lustily but in vain at strike three for the Canadians to be retired.

In their turn at bat the Cheyennes lead-off man Manuel Xavier greeted Navy pitcher Merv Johnson with a Texas leaguer over shortstop Davidson's head. Onofre Souza then hit the ball to right field. Bart Batchelor misjudged the flight of the ball and the speedy Xavier raced home with the opening run of the game, while Souza went to third.

Jim Clark going to the ball at first base then juggled it on what should have been a simple play after Remedios had hit an

infield grounder and Remedios was declared safe while Souza scampored over the plate for run number two.

Tony Rodrigues then connected solidly to centrefield and Remedios scored.

Rodrigues then went all the way to third on Lionel Daynam's sacrifice bunt. Three runs up and only one down now. George Ribeiro's line drive was just beyond third-baseman John Adams' outstretched hand and it pushed Rodrigues over for the Cheyennes to lead 4-0.

Sonny Azevedo popped up to catcher Nelson. Ribeiro advanced on a wild pitch but Malig struck out to end the inning.

Fumbled

In the top of the second inning, with Jim Clark an "out" at first Johnson got the Navy's initial hit, a fast grounder which second-baseman Xavier dived for but could not reach.

Adams was tossed out, on a routine infield play then Ken Wilson got on base when Malig fumbled a pick-up. Batchelor then lobbed the ball over the Cheyenne infield and Johnson scored. Centre-fielder Daynam picked up the ball and made a perfect throw to the plate but catcher Ribeiro, though waiting with ball in hand for Wilson dropped it when Wilson slid home. Ribbons popped up to close the inning.

The Cheyennes did not add to the score in their half of this frame.

O'Gorman, Davidson and Clark went down in 1-2-3 fashion in the top of the third and the Cheyennes increased their lead to 5-2 in this inning when, with only one away, Ribeiro's slow-rolling grounder went through shortstop Davidson's legs and Daynam crossed the plate.

Pitcher Johnson got his second straight hit when he doubled in the top of the fourth inning. Adams was an infield out and then Wilson got a base on balls. Batchelor hit the ball straight to Malig who fielded it neatly. Two away now and two runners on base. Nelson blasted a stinging drive to right which Tony Rodrigues got his glove to but could not mure. Two runs scored, and it was now 5-4. Ribbons struck out to close the Navy inning.

Souza homered for the Cheyennes to make it 6-4. In the fifth inning the winners added another run to make it 7-4 but the Navy rallied in the seventh to tie up the ball game as the Cheyennes committed two errors and the game went to extra time.

A double

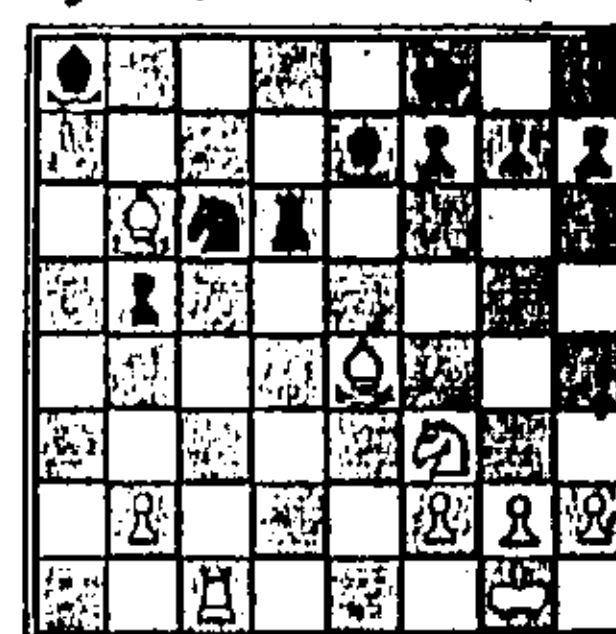
The Canadians could not score in the top of the eighth and Onofre Souza banged out a double, with two outs registered already in this inning to push Manz over the plate for the game to end.

On the whole this was a somewhat disappointing match for much more had been expected of the visitors.

However, I must say that the losers appeared to be sadly out of practice. Their outfield was an extremely weak one. The play of the team as a whole lacked the sparkle of previous Canadian sides and the customary chatter was not in evidence until the seventh inning. Pitcher Johnson had nothing on the ball while shortstop Davidson showed that he can really throw that ball.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



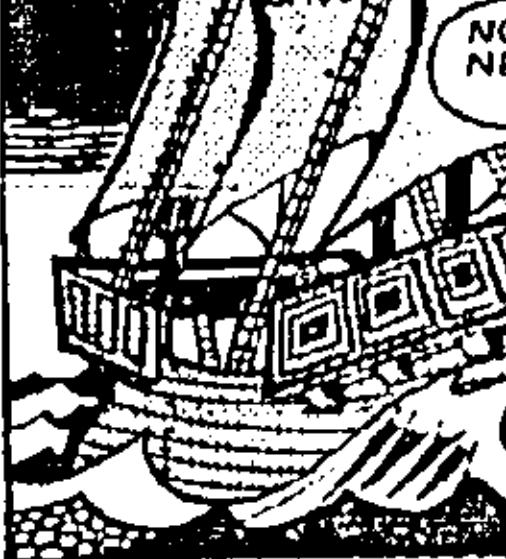
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SURE ENOUGH, THERE IT WAS GONE!

MEANWHILE, BLACK REED PLANS HIS NEXT ESCAPE...



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OH NO, TAKE MY TIP MATE, KEEP AWAY FROM THEM RUSSIANS



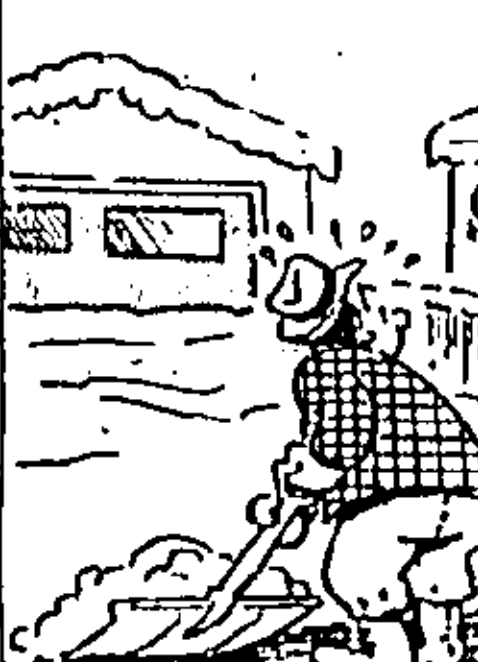
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AUSTRALIAN TELLS CHINA MAIL REPORTER ABOUT The day U Nu saved my life

TV MAN MISSES TIGER

World-renowned TV commentator, Arthur Godfrey, revealed today that his mission to India had failed.

"I missed out on shooting a damned tiger," he lamented.

Arthur arrived in Hongkong by Air India on Saturday after a hunting-filming holiday in the wilds of India.

"I did everything from flying the world's latest helicopter to playing the guitar whilst perched precariously on the back of a lumbering elephant, but still no tiger," he added glumly.

Auburn-haired Godfrey at the age of 57 today recalled a tumor operation which he underwent just 11 months ago.

"They told me that I had lung cancer and only a 5 per cent chance of surviving," he said. Godfrey told the China Mail reporter that he made no special arrangements when told of the news, apart from altering his will.

"Then comes the operation, they chop my lung around a little bit, told me that everything was okay and here I am, fighting fit, fooling around on hunting trips."

Despite Arthur's failure to bag a tiger, the sharp shooting grandfather of two children managed to add to his hunting credits two leopards and a giant bison—"and dozens of other things, much smaller but

much faster than that silly old tiger."

Godfrey, who first started as a commentator on radio 31 years ago, became famous overnight with the way he used to read commercials.

"Poke a little harmless fun at a sponsor or product and what have you got? Thousands of people rushing to buy the stuff."

While in India, together with Mr. Charles E. Andrews, a CBS Producer, he filmed a special for his TV show in America.

Despite his hunting disappointment, Arthur is determined to get satisfaction.

"I'll be back in India, one day and then, tigers watch out!"

Pilot was held by Burmese rebels after plane crash

The husky, tanned Australian pushed his way through the battery of officials who surrounded Burma's dusky, smiling Premier-elect, U Nu.

The big man grabbed the smaller man's hand, pumped it vigorously and said gratefully, "I would like to thank you once again for saving my life."

U Nu peered hard for a split second at the man in front of him.

Burly officials, concerned at the welfare of Burma's top statesman, tried to lead the would-be intruder out of the hotel foyer.

"No wait a moment," the little man's face creased with a big smile, "but of course you are Mr. Ken Begg, my pilot 10 years ago."

Begg, a veteran pilot who is now a Hongkong resident, heard that U Nu arrived in the Colony last Saturday.



Ken Begg greets U Nu—China Mail photo.

The officials

"I would have felt terrible if he had left without me being able to have a word of thanks to him," Begg said today.

"I knew that I wouldn't be able to get past his officials if I had called him on the phone."

"So the only alternative was to wait in the foyer of his hotel and approach him as he was walking out."

"You can never be too grateful to a man who once saved your life," he added.

In November 1949, Begg was on a special flight to Rangoon. While flying over rebel-held territory about 350 miles from Rangoon, Begg's plane ran out of fuel and he was forced to make an emergency landing.

Surrounded

"I hadn't hit the ground a minute when the plane was surrounded by some very unhappy looking Communist rebels, some of whom had never even seen a white man," Ken said.

The Communists moved in and at machine-gun point took him to their quarters where he was beaten by soldiers.

"Next I knew I was facing a court martial on charges of being a government spy."

"They even imported India's top Communist to attend the trial."

"I don't think they were too keen on the Court Martial, half of them including the prosecutor just wanted to have my head blown off," he told the China Mail.

And then . . .

Begg was imprisoned during the trial for about one month. Prospects of his survival looked extremely bleak when just on Christmas, Ken received the best present of his life.

A soldier elbowed into his cell, dragged him to his feet and took him to the chief rebel.

He found to his amazement that he was a free man. But how?

Only a few hours earlier the chief rebel had received a very definite cable.

"Release European, he is completely neutral, do not involve innocent people."

Signed: U Nu.

"Then U Nu even stuck his neck out further and sent a team of blockade runners through rebel infested territory to bring me to Rangoon."

"It's a strange feeling after you have resigned yourself to

the prospect of death and find that some complete stranger saves you."

Last Saturday night U Nu recalled the incident and chatted about it with Begg.

"I think you were lucky," U Nu said quietly.

However this is the second time Begg has had the opportunity of thanking the brilliant politician.

"It was only six months after the court martial incident that I was able to serve U Nu," Begg explained.

"U Nu was flying from Rangoon to Ceylon for a big Buddhist gathering."

Buddha's tooth

"I immediately volunteered to fly the special plane which would take him to Ceylon."

"It was especially important as U Nu explained at the time because he was carrying one of the most sacred possessions of the religion—the tooth of Buddha."

Begg said that all through the flight U Nu seemed extremely nervous because of the importance of safeguarding the sacred tooth.

"When we landed safely I think Mr. U Nu was more thankful than I was when he saved my life."

Begg who is now struggling to start his own airline told U Nu that if ever he wanted a special flight he would be only too glad to pilot it.

"He was tickled pink at my suggestion, and I don't think it will be too long before I'll see him again, once again as his pilot, and still a very grateful man for being alive."

Hongkong roads inadequate — magistrate

Hongkong needed a road system capable of carrying the increasing number of vehicles, Mr. I. T. Morris, Central Magistrate, told the Court this morning.

He also suggested it was essential that there should be a bold scheme of roadworks and not isolated patches which led to traffic congestion in the Central area.

Mr. Morris fined Lee Loy, of 525 Queen's Road, West, \$100 or seven days' jail for careless driving on January 14.

Finding the defendant guilty, Mr. Morris said the case itself was not of very great importance but it served to remind him of the infuriating traffic congestion that occurred in the Colony from time to time.

"The question sometimes asked is—should private motorists be restricted so that public and other forms of transport can move more freely, or should better roads be built to take the necessary traffic?"

WASTEFUL

Mr. Morris said some people maintained that in certain areas private motorists created a wasteful and completely extravagant demand on inadequate road space and parking facilities.

"I will not invite a storm of protest by expressing views either one way or the other but one thing is certain we cannot stop, indeed, we should encourage and welcome, as a sign of progress, more and more traffic on the roads and somehow we have got to provide a road system which will cater for it," he said.

"It is of course, in the centre of this city that we see the greatest need for action and yet it is precisely there that traffic is being blocked again and again, it seems, because of an inadequate programme."

"We should get bold schemes and not isolated patches of roadworks; furthermore we should not wait until the problem becomes totally unmanageable and then, perhaps, clamp a ban on private cars and other forms of transport and to rely on regulations and restrictions."

U.S. sailors fined for being drunk

Two American sailors, Frank Vigil, 18, and Johnson Ronald, 20, were fined \$50 each by Mr. K. A. S. Phillips at Central Court this morning for being drunk in a public place.

Ronald was additionally fined \$100 for assaulting Tsang Chung and Mr. Phillips ordered him to pay Tsang \$200 compensation.

Sub-inspector Yip Tai-you said Tsang was walking along Queen's Road East near Monmouth Path about 11 p.m. on Saturday when the defendants who appeared to be drunk, approached him. Without apparent reason, Ronald assaulted Tsang and pushed him to the ground.

Four of the man's teeth were loosened.

The two sailors then ran away but were stopped by a policeman. They were later taken to hospital for examination and certified to be drunk.

Final concert by Eileen Joyce

BY D. E. GRAY

THE 19th century American music critic, Finck, once said:

"The psychology of sonata form is false; men and women do not feel happy for ten minutes as in the opening allegro of a sonata, then melancholy for ten minutes as in the following adagio, then frisky as in the scherzo, and finally fiery and impetuous for ten minutes in the finale."

"The movements of our minds are seldom so systematic as this. Sad and happy thoughts chase one another irregularly as they do in the composition of Chopin which therefore are much truer reflections of our modern romantic feelings than the still and formal classical sonata."

"And thus it is that Chopin's habitual neglect of sonata form, instead of being a defect, reveals his rare artistic subtlety and grandeur."

Eileen Joyce has come and gone. She is a very fine pianist; and she must (and would wish to be) judged by the highest standards. During her Friday recital, as in the previous one, I did not hear one wrong note. She played one work after another with impeccable execution. Never have I heard such lightness and delicacy of touch, such enchanting pianissimo from any keyboard exponent.

But I also feel certain that she is far happier in shorter works than in longer ones, and that she is not at her best when called upon to develop and sustain a particular mood for long periods.

She is most effective in music which is a reflection of thoughts and moods which "chase one another irregularly."

I cannot imagine anyone playing Chopin's Berceuse, Liszt's Gnomes, and Debussy's La Cathédrale Engloutie better than she did on Friday evening—and the same could be said for Chopin's Fantasia in F minor, Liszt's D flat Etude, and Ravel's Ondine.

Wherever the music had a "programme" Miss Joyce excelled. Most people make their own "programme" in listening to a work like the Chopin Fantasia. I found myself thinking of what Chopin himself is reported to have given as the exciting cause of this composition, viz. a quarrel and reconciliation between him and George Sand.

I hope the few words above may be regarded as an attempt to do justice to what seems to be the finer aspects of Miss Joyce's piano playing. The Music Society is to be commended for bringing her to Hongkong I hope she will make a return visit before too long.

A point which I neglected to mention last week was very effective stage lighting at both the Eileen Joyce concerts. We are much indebted to the Music Society and the University authorities for taking such pains to direct the proper combination of lights which undoubtedly contributed greatly to the successful presentation of two excellent concerts.

Cigarettes Stolen

Thieves broke into the ground floor of No. 69, Shaukiwan Road between 1 o'clock and 2 o'clock this morning and stole a quantity of cigarettes to a total value of \$1,700.

Skidded—then crashed into two parked cars

Mr. I. T. Morris at Central Magistrate's court this morning dismissed a summons for careless driving against Mak Shun-tat, of 60 Bulkeley Street, ground floor. Mr. Morris held that the Prosecution had adduced insufficient evidence.

Mak, driver of a car belonging to a newspaper agent, denied that he drove his vehicle carelessly down Wyndham Street on January 16. He said the road surface was wet at that time, his car skidded and bumped into two other cars parked by the roadside.

Mr. R. G. Hutcheon, owner of one of the damaged cars, testified that at 9.05 a.m. on January 16 he was in his office when his car cleaner informed him that his car had been involved in an accident.

He went into the street to investigate and found another car had bumped into the rear mudguard of his car.

He also told the Court that the road surface was greasy then. Miss Sylvia Ng, owner of the other damaged car, said the rear mudguard of her car was damaged.

Steamroller tactics

Your leading articles on the Budget speeches last week can be described by the same term as you apply to Government's tactics, though in a different sense.

Government is not always right any more than the Press or anyone else, and most of us not infrequently disagree with their decisions, but to mount a full scale newspaper campaign to impugn the sincerity of able and conscientious officials—for that is what your criticism amounts to—is to bring your steamroller into the garden to crush snails which aren't there, and can do no good to the flowers.

W. C. G. KNOWLES.

From the Files

25 years AGO

March, 1935

FROM the SCM Post's 25 Years Ago column: "The first step towards the future greatness of Hongkong was the erection in 1841, the year the Colony was taken over from the Chinese, by Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co of the first substantial house and godowns at East Point."

"The Mercantile centre was then located at Wongachong Valley. British and foreign merchants having come over from Macao to prospect in February of that year. The unhealthyness of the district, violent typhoons and a destructive fire retarded progress. Nevertheless, the Superintendent of Trade moved from Macao to Hongkong in the following year. Queen's Road was laid out, the first newspaper, Friend of China established and Messrs. and other Republican dollars declared to be standard in all matters of trade.

"The city was named Victoria in 1842 and by the end of this year twelve large English firms, ten English merchants of a smaller scale and about six Indian firms were established.

"As a result of peace the junk trade declined and the opening of five treaty ports including Shanghai, adversely affected the trade of the new Colony.

"The first Hongkong built vessel, the Celestial of 80 tons, was launched at East Point."

Writing in his column Old Hongkong, "Colonial" discussed the history of steam laundries, the first one of which came to Hongkong in 1864.

Prior to this date the Colony was entirely dependent on the Chinese washermen whose efforts, not always fully sanitary, were confined no doubt to such large pools as offered themselves, with convenient granite boulders nearby.

Here, probably, we had the equivalent of the famed Eastern laundryman whose activities were summed up by an American visitor as "trying to spit a rock with a shirt."

Colonial reported that four steam laundries tried to break the Chinese washermen's monopoly between 1864 and 1900. They all failed.

Finally one was established in Causeway Bay in 1902 which flourished.

One of the directors was Sir Paul Chater and its shares were quoted on the Stock Exchange. Then it was bought over by a Chinese syndicate and moved to Yau-mat, in Kowloon.

'L' driver fined

A 21-year-old woman learner driver, Tai Fui-ling, of 1A Fung Fai Terrace, 2nd floor, was fined \$450 by Mr. I. T. Morris at Central Court this morning for driving whilst not being accompanied by a licensed instructor.

She was also charged with driving and carrying a passenger other than an instructor, and being a learner driver driving a car without displaying an "L" plate.

Fung Fu-chun, 26, bank employee, of 33 Marble Road, 1st floor, was fined \$450 for aiding and abetting Tai in the commission of the offences, which took place in Tin Hau Temple Road last Wednesday.

This funny world



"Relax, you've got half an hour before it starts ringing!"

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